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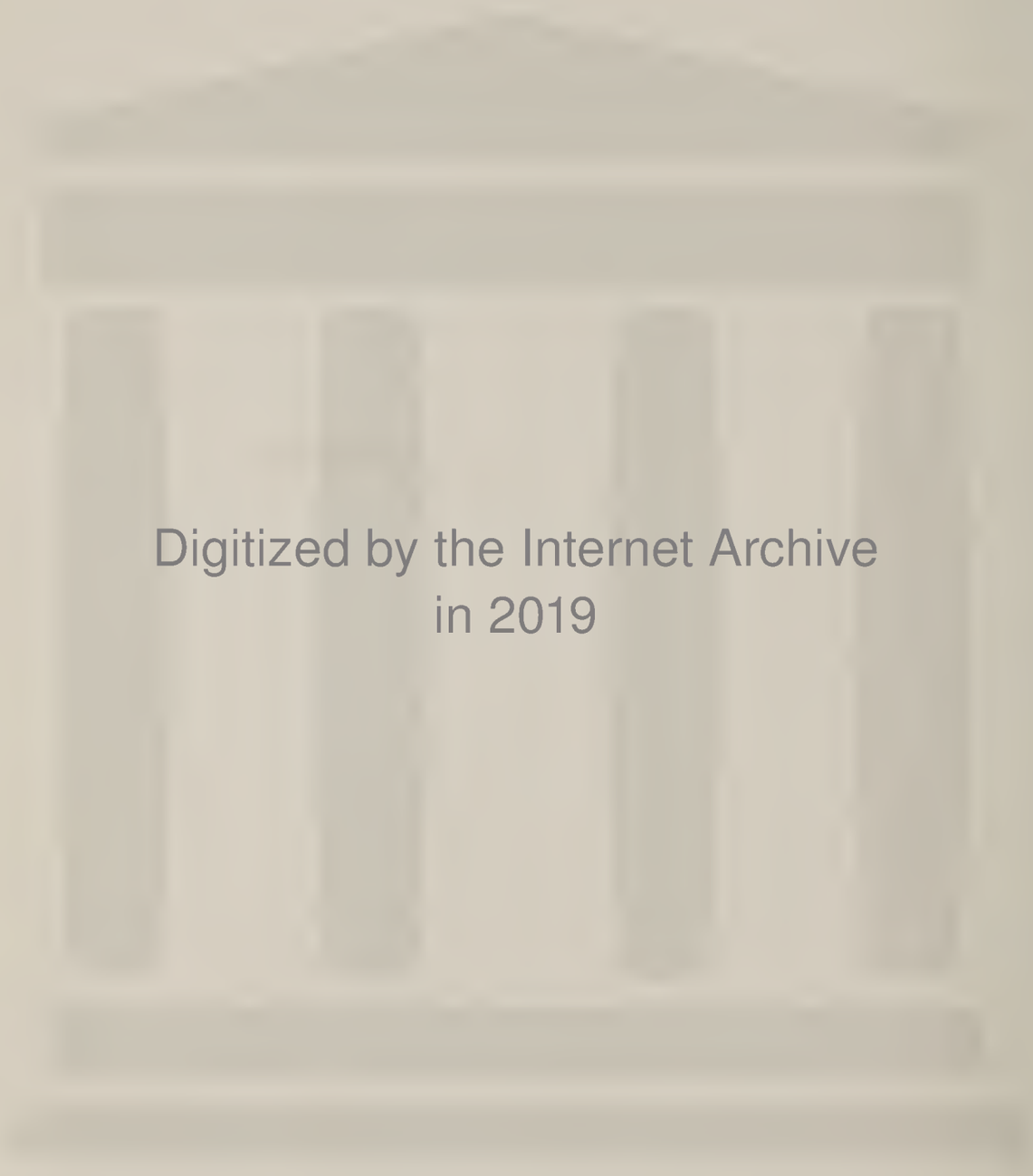
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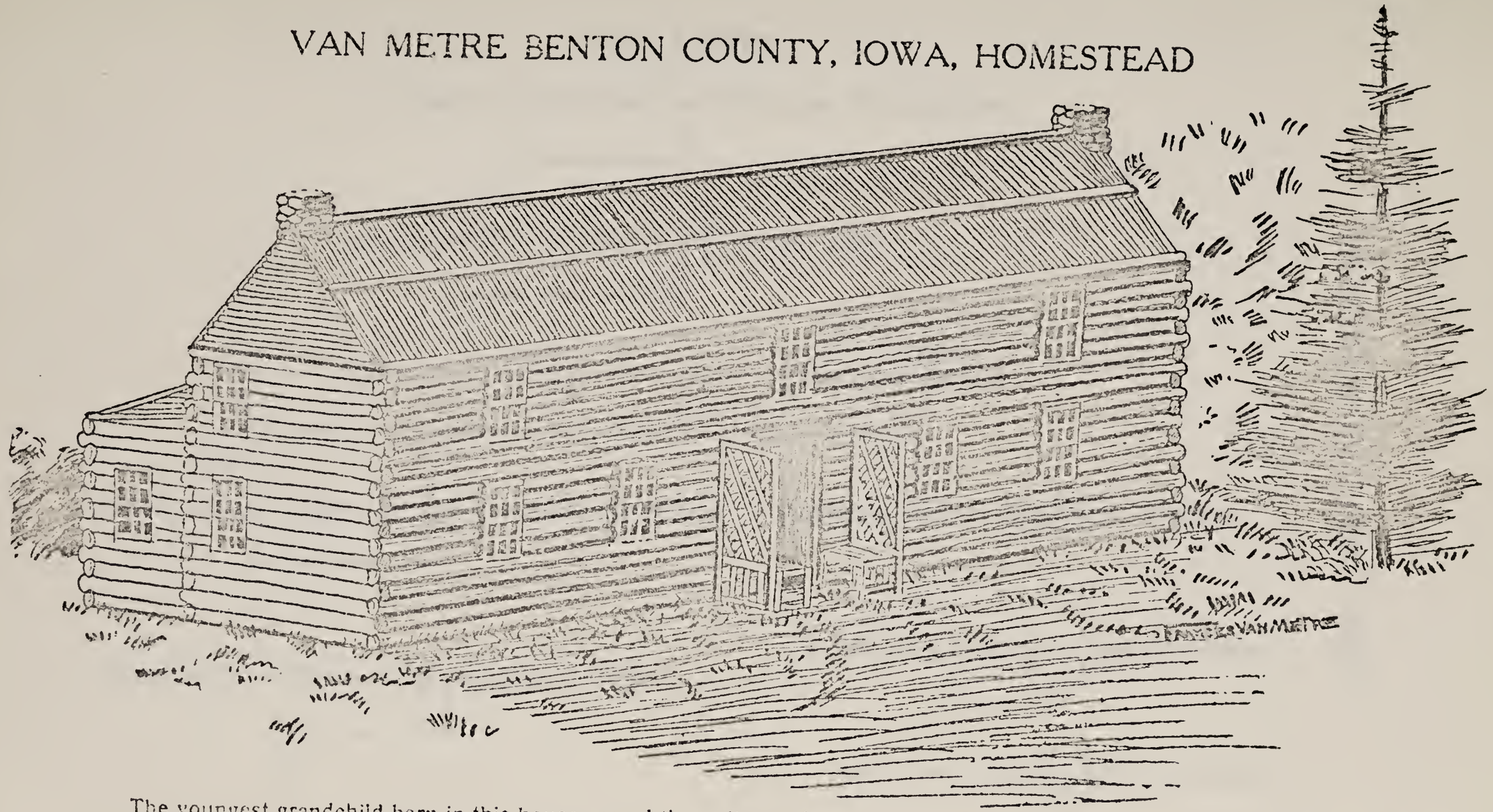

The youngest grandchild born in this house, urged the writer to draw a sketch of the old log house. No photographic likeness existed and aside from his description, there was nowhere to begin. Sketches were drawn and submitted to his oldest brother and sister, Ezra and Sallie, who checked up with others and gave exact dimensions, floor plans and description of house and grounds.

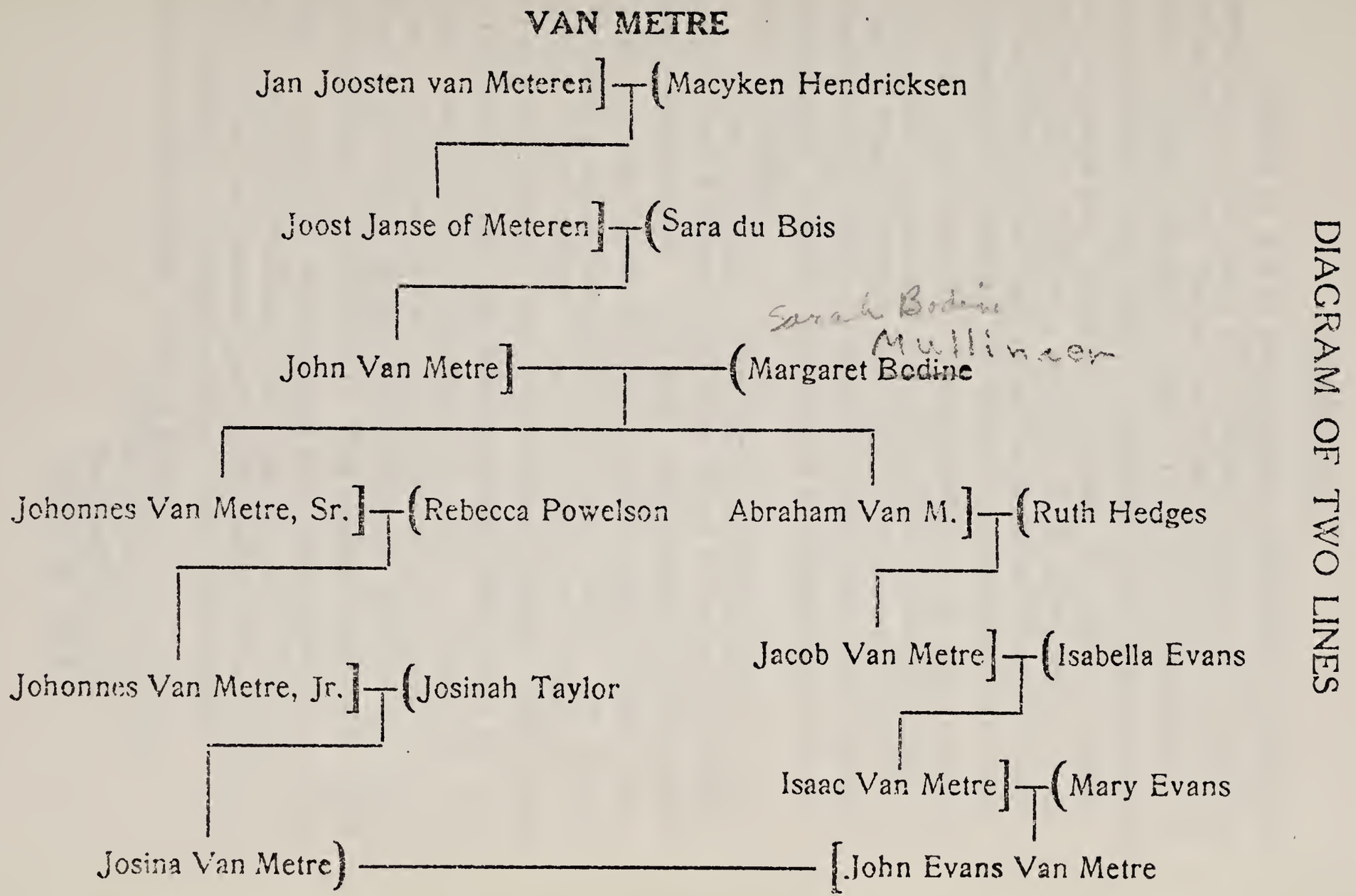

DIAGRAM OF TWO LINES

VAN METRE

Jan Joosten van Meteren — Macyken Hendricksen

Joost Janse of Meteren — Sara du Bois

John Van Metre — Margaret ~~Bodine~~ Sarah Bodine Mullinger

Johonnes Van Metre, Sr. — Rebecca Powelson

Abraham Van M. — Ruth Hedges

Johonnes Van Metre, Jr. — Josinah Taylor

Jacob Van Metre — Isabella Evans

Isaac Van Metre — Mary Evans

Josina Van Metre — John Evans Van Metre

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FOREWORD

Record of a Van Metre family concerning the last five generations of the family of the pioneer couple, John Evans Van Metre and his wife, Josina Van Mater, who came to Ohio from West Virginia, and later to Iowa. Only their descendants will be interested in these pages. No member of the generation of their sons and sons' wives now is living. Mrs. Mary R. Garden, Miss Amelia C. McKown, and Mrs. E. M. Sites have most graciously given us invaluable material connected with their respective ancestors, Abraham Van Metre, and Johonnes Van Metre, Jr., and John Evans III. This information cost them time and money, and I am assured that all the Van Metres who read and treasure these records of their early Fathers (and Mothers) will appreciate such willing contributions from these three West Virginia women, prominent members of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

As an introduction, I have made notes about the immigrant, Jan Joosten of Meteren and other direct ancestors of my husband's grandparents. This data, supplemented by corrections by Mrs. Garden, Miss McKown, and Mrs. Sites, is taken from, "Genealogy Duke–Shepherd–Van Metre Family" by Samuel Gordon Smyth (1909). The data from letters is obtained from the original missives in the home of Rena Witmer. The record of the family of Isaac Van Metre is largely taken from the Van Metre Family Bible in the possession of Rev. Charles H. Van Metre. We have our Evans data from Mrs. Sites and from the Evans New Testament and Commentary in which is the signature and date of John Evans III. This volume was given by Sallie Diehl. I gratefully acknowledge the encouragement and help given in this undertaking by the large group of Van Metre sisters, brothers and cousins; particularly Sallie Diehl and Charles H. Van Metre. Though not born a Van Metre myself, I can claim to be the mother of two of them.

FRANCES C. VAN METRE
Rockwell City, Ia.
March 9, 1934

Mothers

When should a man be pensive if not on Mother's Day?
Today I'd buy a gift expensive, if I could pay.
But since I can't, perhaps a line
Or two of praise would be as fine.

One thinks about the part his mother played, in Life's first years,
Foundations that she laid, thru smiles and tears:
Her strength, her quality of soul,
Such love, encompassing the whole.

The times when courage was a pressing need,--and always found.
When self reliance her chief aid, few friends around.
Yes, she lacked luxuries—such things
As leave one sad when they take wings.

Folks then had work. Our mothers' hands were rough, indented,
Their fingers bent, not tapered, nails stained, not tinted.
Then stern realities of Life
Made work another name for wife.

With feelings mixed, we average of mortals, common clay,
View records of ancestors, dauntless, daring, they!
And all their lonely isolation
Kept not genius from their station.

Why should this quiet wife of modern days search out the past,
Make notes of lines beginnings, records that will last?
Not seeking for herself of fame,
But honoring the Van Metre name.

Not eyeing only things external, love baubles less, and people more,
Aware that what one does becomes eternal, earth stops abruptly at death's door.
To live just by a rule of thumb,
Goods hoarders would we all become.

As down the dim decades these strains have made, some rare and fine.
But straight at least our lives may be, if much short of sublime.
Then children may not blush, though in their turn
They'll note *we* scarce escaped oblivion's urn.

—P. W. V.
Mother's Day, 1934
Rockwell City, Iowa

ANCESTORS IN EUROPE

Jacob Van Meteren of Brecht, (near Breda) Bavaria, son of Cornelius Van Meteren, was patron of "learning and the Reformed Faith." Jacob's wife was Ottilla Ortels, daughter of Wm. Ortels of Augsburg. Trying to flee from the Spanish Inquisition to England under Edward VI., they were drowned in the sea. Emanuel Van Meteren, son of Jacob and Ottilla, was born at Antwerp 9 June 1535; married first 1562 Miss Van Loobeck, who died 13 Dec. 1563 in London; plague. Emanuel married second, 1564, Ester Vander Curput, daughter of Nicholas Vander Curput, Sec. of Breda, the son of Johann Van den Curput, former mayor of Breda. Imprisoned 1565-1575 by Spaniards. Published history of his country 1582 in Bommel, Holland. Dutch consul and chief of college of Dutch merchants of London, 1583. Of the thirteen children by Ester, three sons and six daughters were living in 1612. One of his sons is said to be Jan Joosten Van Meteren. Emanuel died in London, 8 April 1612, aged 77.

(See narratives of Louis du Bois, Jacob V. and Emanuel V., Appendix)

ANCESTORS IN AMERICA

Jan Joosten Van Meteren, immigrant ancestor of the Virginia Van Metres, arrived in New Amsterdam (New York) on the sailing vessel, "Fox", 12 Sept. 1662. Came from Tiederwelt, Holland, with wife Macyken Hendricksen (native of Meppelin, Province of Dreuth, Holland) and five children: Lysbeth, born 1647, Catharine 1650, Geertje Hamel (or Crom) 1653, and their brothers Joost Janse 1656, and Gysbert Janse 1660. In 1662 they moved to Wyltwick (Kingston) Ulster Co., N. Y. The Minnisink Indians raided and burned the villages of Hurley and Kingston 1663, carrying away captive the wife and two children of Jan Joosten, who were not rescued until ten weeks later.* It is believed one of the captives was Joost Janse, because of his later association with the Indians and knowledge of their ways. In 1664, Jan Joosten was prominent in the civil and re-

(*See narrative of Catharine du Bois, Appendix.)

ligious affairs of Kingston, held a minor judiciary position, and was a deacon in the Reformed Dutch Church. When the Dutch government and possessions came under English rule, 1689, he swore allegiance to the new sovereign. He was living in Ulster Co., N. Y. at this time, and in 1671, held a deed for lots in Marbletown (Marlboro?) Ulster Co., and in 1673 was one of the magistrates of Hurley and Marbletown. Now the immigrant ancestor develops into a New Jersey land owner. He obtained land grants in the Province of East New Jersey, 1689 to 1706. The land was located on Lassa Point on the Delaware River in Burlington Co., now the city of Burlington, about 20 miles NE of Philadelphia. This land was transferred to another owner in 1699, when he bought other property in Somerset Co., East Jersey, on the So. branch of Raritan River, near the present Somerville. He probably died in 1706.

REFERENCES:—Jan Joosten.–Smyth pp. 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 25, 26; Passenger Lists: 1657-1664; Doc. Hist. N. Y., vol. III. pp 52, 63; Year Book Hist. Soc. N. Y. 1896, New Jersey Col. Arch. 1st, Ser., vol. XXI., pp 464, 318, 497, 517; Records Reformed Dutch Church, Kingston; B. F. Van Meter, pp. 47, 108, 159, 165; Garden Papers; Martin Krieger's Journal; Hist. Berkeley Co., W. Va.—by W. F. Evans, p. 207.

Joost Janse of Meteren (John Van Metre of New York) son of Jan Joosten V. and Macyken H., was b. cir.† 1656, Gelderland, Holland. After coming to America with his parents, he lived in Ulster Co., N. Y. (Mormur or Marlboro) and Salem Co., N. J. on Raritan R. He m. 12 Dec. 1682 Sara du Bois, who was baptised 14 Sept. 1664, dau. of Louis du Bois and Catherine Blanchan.* Their children:– 1) Jan Joosten 2nd (John Van Metre of Virginia.), b. 14 Oct. 1683; 2) Rebekka 26 April 1686 (who married Cornelius Elten Sept. 1704); 3) Lysbeth 3 Mar. 1689; 4) Isaac cir. 1692; 5) Hendrix 9 Sept. 1695. The absence or disappearance of John Van Metre after 1706 is rather mysterious. (Records of this period show that John Van Metre of Salem Co., N. J. was commissioned to be coroner of Salem Co., N. J. 17 Mar. 1713 and reappointed 21 Jan. 1715; and his name appears in a list of transfers, including the selling off, by John Van

†(cir., abbreviation for circum, meaning "about)

*(See Louis du Bois, Appendix)

Metre of his title and interest in Salem lands in advance of going to Maryland, where he appears 25 Mar. 1730 in Prince George's Co., Md. When a child he had been captured by Indians and knew their ways. For these reasons, Smyth identified the Indian trader, Joost Janse of Meteren as John Van Metre of New York. It is believed he was with the Cayugas in 1725 and also accompanied the Delaware Indians to the Southern hunting grounds to trade or war with the Catawbas in the Carolinas in 1732. They passed up the Southern branch of the Potomac; here he cast longing eyes beyond the river, and is thought to have recommended to his sons, John and Isaac, their migrating to the valley of Virginia. Ample and various accounts of these trips have been given by a number of writers of border history. He died cir. 1732.

REFERENCES:-Joost Janse V.-:Minnich; Smyth p. 14, 20, 21; Garden; West Va. Hist. Mag. vol. III. p. 191, footnote; same Mag. Oct. 1902, 1903; Kercheval's Hist. of the Valley p. 51; W. Va. II. p. 17; Hist. Western Md. II. p. 1204; Hist. Berkeley Co.- Evans' p. 207.

ANCESTORS IN VIRGINIA

Jan Joosten 2nd. of Meteren (John Van Metre of Virginia) son of Joost Janse of Meteren and Sara du Bois, b. 14 Aug. 1683, Ulster Co., N. Y.; succeeded to his father's rights at Burlington, N. J., Somerset Co., on Raritan R. and his grandfather's land in East Jersey. At the Raritan he m. Margaret Bodine, dau. of Isaac Bodine, 1705. Their children:-1)Sarah Davis 1706-1745; 2) Johonnes (Sr.) 1708; 3) Maria Jones 1709; 4) Rebecca Hedges cir. 1711; 5) Isaac cir. 1713; 6)Elizabeth Shepherd 1715; 7)Henry cir. 1717; 8)Rachel LeForge (Lessige) cir. 1719; 9)Abraham 1721; 10)Jacob 1723; 11) Magdalena (Maudlena) Pewsey 1725. John Van Metre and Margaret, with ten of their children, migrated to the little settlement on the Monocacy, East of the Blue Ridge, near the Potomac R. in Prince George's Co., Md. cir. 1725-6. He was joined there by his son Johonnes some time after the latter's marriage. He sold his land on the Raritan (N. J.) and acquired other property in Washington Co., Md. In 1730, an immense tract of land in Virginia was obtained

as a grant from the government for the settlement of John Van Metre and family of 11 children. He was the patentee and original settler in Virginia. Several histories give the facts as to the removal of the Van Metre brothers to Va., their location, their settlement, their adventures with the Indians, and the protection their forts promised to the surrounding settlers. Beyond the Potomac, a few miles from the Monocacy, lay the beautiful limestone valley of Virginia, called by Fairfax, the Lord of that manor, "The Northern Neck of Virginia", then mostly in Spottsylvania Co., but since divided into several counties. Ever advancing, restless and adventurous, Joost Janse's sons, probably following the advice, and possessing the spirit of their father, pushed into this valley and began to develop a colonizing plan. John and Isaac, brothers, 17 June 1730 obtained a grant of virgin lands, lying in the angle formed by the Potomac and Shenandoah rivers, and extending far down the valley to the South. To John who spied out the land and his brother Isaac, who joined him in the scheme, the grant was made. They were to bring their families, relatives and friends from Ulster Co., N. Y. and Salem Co., N. J. but the grant of 1730 was later assigned to Hite. Land was granted in Orange Co., Va. in 1734. While an inhabitant of Orange Co., Va., John conveys lands called "Metre", lying on the Monocacy in Prince George's Co., Md. 1739-1741. Another deed was made for land in Prince George's Co., Md., called "Meadow". He made other purchases of land in Frederick Co., Va. 1736, and acres located in Orange Co. on the Opequon Run on the Opequon River. He had first settled near what is now Shepherdstown in Jefferson Co., W. Va. –then Orange Co., next Frederick Co., then Berkley Co. John died in Frederick Co., August 1745, aged 62, leaving his wife Margaret and ten children—his eldest son Johonnes having predeceased him. He left more than 3000 acres to his children. John Van Metre's will, dated 13 Aug. 1745, probated at Winchester, Va. 3 Sept. 1745 is signed, "John Mator".

REFERENCES—Jan Joosten 2nd.—Smyth pp. 13, 16, 19, 21, 27 thru 36, 133; Garden; Records of Reformed Dutch Church at Somerville, N. J.; Somerset Hist. Quarterly April 1916-p. 122 and vol. 11 p. 38; Kercheval's Hist. of the Valley; Foote's Sketches of Virginia; Hist. Berkeley Co.—Evans. p. 282 and 17, 18, 19, 20.

TWO LINES OF ANCESTORS

I. JOHONNES VAN METRE, SR.—Josinah's ancestor.
II. ABRAHAM VAN METRE, John Evans Van Metre's ancestor.

I. Johonnes Van Metre, Sr.—Eldest son of John Van Metre of Virginia and wife, Margaret Bodine, born 28 April 1708, Somerset Co., N. J., Burlington on Raritan R.—the family also owned land in the province of East Jersey. He married Rebecca Powelson and they emigrated to the Monocacy, Prince George's Co. Md., where his father had gone cir. 1725. Their children, Joanna Burns and Johonnes Van Metre, Jr. were born in 1732 and 1735, the latter in Berkeley Co., W. Va. Johonnes, Sr. died cir. 1735 in an epidemic.

REFERENCE—Johonnes Van Metre, Sr.-Smyth p. 37. Johonnes, Jr.-Smyth p. 38, 39, 42.-McKown Papers.-Hist. of Berkeley Co., W. Va.-by W. F. Evans -B. F. Van Metre - p. 139.

Johonnes Van Metre, Jr., son of Johonnes Van Metre, Sr. and Rebecca Powelson, was born 9 Sept. 1735 in Berkeley Co., W. Va., East of Martinsburg. His father died about that time and the two children were brought up by their uncle, Jonas Hedges. The estate in Prince George's Co., Md. was called "Pipe Meadows". The name of Johonnes Jr.'s first wife is unknown but some speak of her as 'a young German woman'. (For data on the family of Johonnes Jr., their dates of birth, his Revolutionary service, etc., see McKown Papers in following notes). The death of Johonnes Jr. followed pneumonia, from being chilled, lying on the ground after hunting, of which sport he was very fond. His will provided that his slaves and their descendants be freed at the age of 28, and given sums of money.

McKown Papers: – Lineage-Amelia Creighton McKown-descent from Capt. Johonnes Van Metre, Jr.–born in Berkeley Co., Va: (now W. Va.) on 9 Sept. 1735–died in Berkeley Co. on 26 Sept. 1818–I am–daughter of James Warner McKown and wife, Anna Maria Campbell, daughter of Hugh Lyle Campbell and wife, Mary Eliza Van Metre, born 3/23/1832, died 5/5/1900, daughter of Abraham Van Metre (Abraham E. Van Metre) born 5/5/1804, died 5/20/1840 and wife Maria Van Metre (sis-

ter of Josina Van Metre). Maria was born 7/16/1809, died 11/17/1842, daughter of Johonnes Van Metre, Jr. born 9/9/1735, died 9/26/1818, and wife Josinah Taylor, born 9/11/1776, died 6/11/1816. Johonnes Van Metre was the son of Johonnes Van Metre Sr. and wife Rebecca Powelson. Johonnes Van Metre Sr. was the son of John Van Metre and wife, Sara Bodine (or Margaret Bodine according to Smyth)–John Van Metre was the son of John Van Metre and wife, Sara du Bois. Johonnes Van Metre, Jr. is the ancestor who assisted in establishing American Independence, while acting in the capacity of Captain of Berkeley County Militia Feb. 29, 1780. Second Battalion.—Ancestor's services as follows: Capt. Johonnes Van Metre was born in Berkeley Co., Va. (now W. Va.) and was a resident of the said county during the American Revolution and commanded a company in the second Battalion Militia. He was a prominent actor in the early civil history of the county. He died at "Kildare" the old Van Metre Homestead and was there buried, later his remains together with those of his second wife (Josinah Taylor who was the mother of his children) were removed by his granddaughter, Mrs. Anne Alburtis Van Metre (who married her cousin John Van Metre) to Green Hill Cemetery, Martinsburg, where they still rest in the Alburtis lot. The grave is marked by Shenandoah Chap. D. A. R. His will is in Martinsburg and was probated Oct. 12, 1818. Capt. Johonnes Van Metre Jr. was frequently called, "Hance" or "Haunce", he is also recorded as John Van Metre Jr. and John Van Metre of Berkeley.

McKown Family Data: My Revolutionary ancestor was married (2) to Josinah Taylor:—Children, names, dates of birth, to whom married)–Nancy June 29, 1794, married John Alburtis. Cathrine Sept. 7, 1796. Ezra Jan. 11, 1799. John July 19, 1801, married Mary Gorrell. Eliza March 26, 1804, married (1) James Russell-married (2) William Maslin. Josinah Oct. 6, 1806, married John Evans Van Metre. Maria June 16, 1809, married. Abraham Van Metre (probably Abraham E. Van Metre) Thornton Taylor April 2, 1812. (Mary Eliza Van Metre, my grandmother was born in Berkeley Co., but moved with her

parents to Ohio. They both died young of consumption and she came back to Berkeley Co. and was brought up by her aunt Eliza Maslin who lived and is buried in Gerrardstown. (TRUE selections from McKown papers—F. C. V.)

Henry Clay Van Metre visited his aunt Eliza Maslin in 1848 when he was a student at West Point. They lived in Gerrardstown, W. Va. Amelia McKown's grandmother was brought up in this home, as she was an orphan, at this time about sixteen years old. She lived until 1900 and spoke of some Van Metre cousins living in Iowa. (Letters:- Henry Clay V. to his parents, 1848. – From Miss McKown to F. C. V.)

REFERENCES—Johonnes, Jr.- see Historic Shepherdstown, Dandridge, pp. 203, 205, 354. (copy in Appendix). See Minutes of Berkeley Co., Va.-1779-1782. These ref. given by Amelia C. KcKown in her D. A. R. Papers. Her national No. D. A. R. on record Johonnes Van Metre, Jr. is 139320. That of Mrs. Kate Bishop Silver on record Johonnes, Jr. is 121548.

Two Lines of Ancestors: II. Abraham Van Metre, John Evans Van Metre's ancestor. Abraham Van Metre, fourth son of John Van Metre of Va. and Margaret Bodine b. 1721, probably at Somerville, N. J., and emigrating with his father's family to Virginia, settled in Berkeley Co., East of the Allegheny Mts. cir. 1740. He married 1st. 1742 Ruth Hedges (Bentley) dau. of Joseph Hedges and Catharine Stallkop of Prince George's Co., Md., (see Hedges in Appendix). Their children: 1) Jacob 1745; 2) Isaac; 3) Abraham Jr. 1751; 4) John 1752; 5) Joseph; 6) Rebecca Spahn Morgan; 7) Mary Gorrell. Abraham married 2nd. Martha Roberts Wheeler. Their children were: 8) Ruth Foreman; 9) Hannah Mounts (Mounce) and 10) Daniel. By 1774, Abraham had become a famous grazer and cattle trader. He inherited lands from his father on Opequon Run (Creek) in Frederick Co., Va., and in Prince George's Co., Md. Abraham received a grant of an immense area of land, 40,000 acres in Spottsylvania Co., (now Orange Co.). Augusta Co. was made from a division of Spottsylvania. He was appointed by court of Frederick Co. Va., 8 Mar. 1743 (or 1748) as overseer of road from Simon Linder's to Old Sayd's. Abraham Van Metre voted for Washington in his election to the

Virginia House of Burgesses, Winchester 24 July 1758. Before 1772, he settled in SW Pennsylvania, Washington Co. (now Greene Co.) He was signer to a petition on the inhabitants of Transylvania (Ky.) in the Western district of Virginia to the court against the proceedings of the Virginia convention 18 May 1776, in regard to the encroachment of the Kentucky Indians. It is recorded that Jacob and Abraham, brothers, and others produced recommendations from court of Monongalia County, Va., to pass unmolested to the falls of Ohio (Louisville, Ky.) Jacob moved from Muddy Creek, SW. Pennsylvania, to what was afterward Hardin Co., Ky. Abraham Van Metre was frequently with his brother, Jacob, in cattle trading expeditions on the Upper Ohio R and having to do with the Colonial military supplies and had business relations with frontier posts. Abraham served as a Revolutionary soldier. Abrahams' will was made 1780, Berkeley Co., Va. He died in 1783. (Proof of Revolutionary Service, see letter to Mary Garden. Appendix-) will recorded, Berkeley Co., will book 1, p. 348.

NOTES:--Abraham was indicted for riot, along with Henry, Jacob, John and John, Jr., (all Van Metres) and Thomas Swan in Washington Co., Pa., (now Greene Co.) July 6, 1772, the riot probably arising over conflict of authority between the two state governments. For many years a dispute existed between Virginia and Pennsylvania as to ownership of territory in North part of present state of West Virginia and Western Pennsylvania. This dispute not infrequently was accompanied by violence. He was petitioner with others to Lord Dunmore against Pennsylvania exercising jurisdiction over Virginia inhabitants and territory in SW. Pennsylvania, May 15, 1774. In 1776 Virginia convention proposed temporary dividing line—finally decided by commissioners appointed by the two states, 1785.

Short Creek country was settled by pioneers from Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia. Abraham acquired settlement rights to lands on Short Creek, in Ohio Co. (W. Va.) called the Short Creek Country, a portion of which was originally improved by him in 1773, and on which he built a cabin putting it in charge of his apprentice named Black. This gave to the settlement the name of "Black's Cabin". Black was an apprentice of Abraham of Berkeley Co., Va., sent by Mr. Van Metre 1770 to hold and establish a claim. Blazing the trees which was done by chipping out a piece and cutting the claimant's name on the bark, consti-

tuted what was called in those days, a "tomahawk right" and was also called an "improvement". Such claims were sacredly recognized and respected and none dared to infringe upon them. During the period of the Revolution, the name of Black's Cabin was changed to West Liberty. It is about eleven miles NE. of Wheeling, W. Va. Part was not surveyed until after Abraham's death, then the property of his heirs. The town was laid out by his two sons-in-law, Foreman and Mounts, 29 Nov. 1787—the first town in Ohio Valley. On an elevated site above Black's Cabin stood a fort which was called interchangeably, "Van Metre's Fort" and the "Court-House Fort". This stockade built by Abraham Van Metre, belonged after his death to his son Joseph. It was one of the first forts erected in this part of Virginia, standing on the North side of Short Creek about five or six miles above its juncture with the Ohio R. in Richland township, now Brooke Co., W. Va. It is called the "Court-House Fort" because the first court of Ohio Co. in W. Va. was held in it after the organization of Ohio Co. from the district of West Augusta, 6 Jan. 1777. This was the date of the first deed on record in Ohio Co. and was made by Abraham in Deed Book No. 1, which states that for the consideration of twenty pounds he sells two acres, "Black's Cabin" to Court of Ohio Co. The contract for county buildings was obtained by Silas Hedges from Abraham Van Metre. In 1776-1782 Major Samuel McCollough commanded at Fort Van Metre. McCollough, killed by Indians, was buried in the enclosure of the fort, at the top of the hill directly North of the present consolidated school of Richland district. This grave is marked by the Ohio County Hist. Society. The spring now supplying pure drinking water for the school, in pioneer days furnished water for the fort. Through Mrs. Garden's efforts, Wheeling Chapter D. A. R. erected a permanent marker for the site of Fort Van Metre on Nov. 17, 1933, a monument of cut stone with bronze tablet.

Revolutionary Service of Abraham Van Metre—He served under General George Rogers Clark—with Captain William Harrod's party at the Falls of the Ohio, Louisville, Ky. in 1780, and also with Squire Boone at his station, "Painted Stone" in

(now) Shelby Co., Ky., June 1780. This was a company of militia on an expedition against the Shawnee Indians, July-August, 1780. (See appendix.)

REFERENCES—Amer. Arch. 4th. Serv. Vol. 6, pp. 1527 and 1529; vol. 1 p. 275; Hist. of Washington Co., Pa. p. 152; Doc. Hist. of Dunmore's War, p. 68- Collins' Kentucky, vol. 1. p. 12; vol. 11. p. 24; Garden Papers; Smyth-Duke, etc.—pp. 96-100; 135.

Jacob Van Metre, son of Abraham Van Metre and Ruth Hedges, b. Berkeley Co., Va. (W. V.) 1745; served in Revolutionary War with father Abraham; m. Isabella Evans. Their children were: 1) Abraham who married Hannah Burns, dau. of Joanna V. and Wm. Burns; 2) Isaac who m. Mary Evans, dau- of John Evans II. Jr.; 3) Jacob Jr. who m. Clarissa La Rue; 4) Magdalena (Leny) who m. Wm. Burns Jr.; 5) Nancy (Ann) who m. Abraham V., son of Abraham V. and Elizabeth Burns; 6) Ruth who m. Joseph Gorrell, son of Wm. and Mary Gorrell; 7) Isobel who m. Abraham Gorrell, another son of Wm. and Mary G.; 8) Mary who m. 1797 John Evans III. (Jack), son of John Evans (Jr.) II. and Margaret; 9) Elizabeth who m. Thomas Tabb; 10) Joseph who m. Nancy Evans, 18, Sep. 1802. Jacob V. died 20 Oct. 1806. Isabella died 23 June 1816. Jacob's will recorded Berkeley Co. will book 4, p. 98 on Oct 27, 1806. His grave is at "Killdare" farm on the family lot near Martinsburg.

REFERENCES—Jacob V.—Smyth p. 100—Kercheval's Hist. of the Valley p. 70; Mrs. E. M. Sites; Van Metre Bible; will book, in which is proof of marriage of Isaac V. and Mary E., dau. of John Evans II. (Jr.) and sister of John Evans III.

Isaac Van Metre, son of Jacob V, and Isabella Evans, b. near Martinsburg, W. Va., 26 June, 1766; m. Mary (Polly) Evans 19 Jan. 1793; dau. of John Evans II (Jr.), was b. 22 Oct. 1774. Their children: 1) John Evans Van Metre, b. 4 May 1794. 2) Jacob, b. 15 March 1796, his wife was Emily E. L. Shepp. 3) Margaret, b. 13 March 1798, m. first Morgan Van Metre, son of Joseph Van Metre and Margaret Morgan; she married second Wm. McDaniel. Their children were: Mary Ruth Harlan, Margaret McKown, Rebecca, James, Anna and Evangeline Miller. 4) Evans, born 27 Jan. 1800. 5) William E., born 19 Apr. 1802; married Lucy S. Shepp. 6) Abraham E.,

b. 5 May 1804; m. Marie Van Metre. Their children were: Henry Clay, b. 17 March 1828; Isaac b. 20 Mar. 1830; Mary Eliza b. 25 Mar. 1832; m. Hugh Lyle Campbell (see line of Amelia McKown, notes); John Taylor b. 9 Feb. 1834; and James William b. 28 Mar. 1836; 7) Isaac, Jr.. b. 5 May 1804, probably twin of Abraham E., died 12 Feb. 1831; 8) Van, b. Nov. 7, 1806, m. Mary Vance Sowers; 9) Isabella E., b. 19 Jan. 1809, died 1832, m. William N. Thompson—their child, Isaac, died 9 Oct. 1831, aged 8 mo.; 10) Polly, b. 7 Mar. 1811; 11) Martha, b. 14 Aug. 1813, died 1814; 12) Joseph G., b. 3 May 1815, m. Sowers. Isaac Van Metre died in 1828, aged 62 in Berkeley Co., Va. (See Appendix-Van Metre Bible.)

REFERENCES—Smyth p. 103. Letters and papers from Amelia C. McKown. Van Metre Bible in possession of Chas. H. Van Metre. (See copy of records of same in appendix.)

John Evans Van Metre, son of Isaac Van Metre and Mary Evans, was b. near Martinsburg, W. Va., 4 May 1794, m. first Elizabeth Van Metre, dau. of Abraham Van Metre and Elizabeth Burns.) See Joanna V. Burns, Appen.) She was m. in 1815, died 1820, aged 25. Her children were John, who m. Anne Alburtis, and were parents of Betty (Mrs. E. W. Stocker.) William was another son of J. E. Van Metre and Elizabeth; the name of a third son is not known, (tho we do not believe he was named Isaac, as recorded by Smyth.) John Evans Van Metre m. second Josina Van Metre, dau. of Johonnes Van Metre, Jr. and Josinah Taylor. They were m. 24 Jan. 1822. Their children were: 1) Isaac Taylor 1823; 2) Jeptha Morgan 1825, 3) Ezra 1827, 4) Henry Clay 1829, 5) Jacob, 6) Charles, (both of these died when boys), 7) Isaiah 1833, 8) Joseph, 9) and 10) two girls died in infancy, and 11) John 1847. J. E. V. died cir. 1865, Benton County.

Both John Evans Van Metre and his wife Josina were born near Martinsburg W. Va. and m. in 1822 when Josina was 15 and John E. was 28. They were distantly related—his great grandfather and her grandfather were brothers. They moved to Ohio after their first two children (Isaac Taylor and Jeptha Morgan were born before 1827. The family came to Iowa

from Pickaway Co., Ohio, in the year 1854. They first lived in Cedar Rapids where Ezra was living, but soon moved 25 miles west to the farm they bought in Benton Co. Josina had received a slave girl of 14 as a wedding gift. She said years later, "We were two children together and had the care of three". She had eleven children, raised three step-children, took into her home nieces, nephews, cousins, uncles, aunts, and whomsoever would. She also raised a girl called Ann Tully. In this home when they settled and built in Benton Co., the family consisted of the parents John Evans V. and Josina, I. Taylor, Jeptha M., Henry C., Isaiah, Joseph and John (Johnny) as well as Anne Alburtis (niece of Josina and widow of Josina's step-son John (Van Metre and dau. Elizabeth (Betty), later Elizabeth Stocker, wife of E. W. S. Ezra was living at Cedar Rapids, practising law and editing the TIMES. In '58 the sons began to marry and bring brides to the family circle. Here were born first Helen on Jan. 17th '59 to Jeptha and Helen Stocker, (latter passed away in child birth). Ten days later Ezra came into existence there, and all the other progeny of Henry C. and Rhoda D. were also ushered into the world 'neath the same roof! Out of this old-fashioned family of John Evans V., there went four of the sons to follow "Old Glory". Ezra was a captain in the Mexican war. Jeptha, Isaiah and Joseph all served in the Civil war and gave a good account of their trust. Henry Clay was constrained by home duties tho he would gladly have gone. The old homestead "Pickaway", the name coming from their Ohio county, was located on the Lincoln Highway, then the Cedar Rapids-Toledo road, some 25 miles west of Cedar Rapids and some 7 miles northwest of Blairstown, Iowa, the first house on the south side of the road, west of the bridge that crosses Prairie Creek. To make a road thru the brush, logs were dragged behind horses. The country was wild in those days and the settlers were few. The Van Metre home soon naturally became a "Tavern" for the travellers, especially those going to and from Cedar Rapids, Toledo, Marshalltown, and other points. The hospitality, the good food, the cleanly conditions soon came to be known far and wide, and the pioneers

lauded to the skies the Van Metre "Tavern". They builded for themselves a large log house, (see frontispiece) a land mark for a quarter of a century at least. Built by members of the family in 1854-5, all work supervised by Uncle "Jep", who was a skilled builder. Material was cut, hewed and sawed on the place—the house size 18x54, one and two-thirds story, hewed logs, covered with neatly sawed weather board. No paint—a kitchen built back of the East side on the South, and in front a fine little porch with trellised sides and two seats. At first the logs were not covered with siding and seats at doorway were very plain and had no roof over them.

Perhaps they had the first blue-grass yard in Benton Co. In the front yard at the gate stood a magnificent elm that was the pride of the family. It could be seen from a point 15 miles East. Surrounded on the south and west by beautiful natural grove of elm, linn, and oak-interspersed with wild plum and cherry trees. This grove sheltering the home, consisted of about ten acres with a gentle slope from the south towards the highway. The house stood on a level space. The old homestead embraced 275 acres. In addition to the grove at the building site, there was another of about 20 acres at the south-westerly side of the farm, having an especially fine type of hard wood timber. It was known as Van Metre's Grove. Lovely and spacious and many unusual small fruits, grape arbor, etc. People came miles to obtain slips or sprouts to transplant. The barn for twelve head of horses, with bins for wheat and oats, and crib for corn with hay-mow above, was built entirely of sawed hard lumber. The head of the home, John E. Van Metre, was a man of strength and ability. He had been a circuit-riding judge in Ohio, a man of keen intellect and large-heartedness. He was large and portly of physique and of commanding presence. His wife, Josina Van Metre, quite evidently, as actually, was of patrician type. Born in Virginia, she never forgot her proud ancestry and though gracious in manner, is said by her admiring grand-children, to have been extremely dignified down to old age Her Christian fortitude, through giving so freely of her life-blood to the cause of the Union, must have been sorely tried in their war experiences, death of her young Captain Joe (named for his mother, we believe) and the wounding

of others. The family carried the Van Metre individuality and that personal "something" all along the line in a remarkable degree. It was an individuality and personality that attracted and and that had in it richness and strength. However they were not altogether strong and stable. They had their frailties with others, but in our resume of them and of the times in which they lived, we speak only of the finer and better things. Who of us does not remember the fiery quick temper of our fathers, and yet it was but a flash, but back of this was a heart of tenderness and sympathy and love, they were big-hearted and forbearing. They possessed rich qualities of friendship. The passing of the years, with their fragrant memories makes us all the more anxious to leave behind in print an appreciation of our own family. This family was from the Southland, having their roots for many years in Virginia, later moving across the river into Southern Ohio. From their native haunts, they brought with them some of the rich and splendid characteristics of that region. The southern hospitality was not wanting in them and how well that fitted into the needs of the pioneer life of Iowa. As we of the later generation hark back to that pioneer home in Benton Co. and from the vantage ground of the years, characterize this sturdy family, we cannot but feel the stirring in our hearts of a just pride. They were strong men with rich native ability. With the privileges of many of us of these later days they would have far outstripped their progeny. John Evans V. died during the Civil War, about ten years after they came to Iowa. Josina died Nov. 19, 1889. Both were buried in the family cemetery, on a beautiful wooded knoll, South of the spot where the log house once stood. It lies on the west side of the woods, facing a road which runs north and south. Besides this couple, are buried there these others: Jeptha, his wife Helen, Cousin Ann, Stocker, three sons and one daughter of Henry Clay and Rhoda (Hubert, George, Henry and Mary). The old place is owned by a German family, Christian Myers and his sons. (These and following notes have been given by Sallie Diehl, Charles H. Van Metre, Ezra Van Metre, and P. W. Van Metre and have been combined so their own expressions are unchanged almost word for word).

Ezra was born in Ohio, 23 Jan. 1827, was a Captain in Mexican war, the youngest officer in the army. He was a man of rare ability and promise, and had he lived to a good old age, would have found a place for himself among the chosen. Ezra m. Sue McNeil of Chillacothe, Ohio. Their love letters are some of the most beautiful literary productions of that variety. Both died early. He was brillant in newspaper work in Cedar Rapids (the "Times"). Sue's daughter died in infancy—she was ill and so terribly homesick for the East, that two of the brothers started to drive her East from Cedar Rapids in a sort of ambulance, fixing a wagon with a feather bed. It was lovely May weather. When they reached Rock Island just beyond the Mississippi R., she could go no farther and died there, 6 May 1855. A black-edged funeral notice announced the burial of Capt. E. Van Metre on Wed., 1 Oct. 1856. (This is in possession of Sallie Diehl). Their bodies lie in the cemetery at Cedar Rapids, marked by a small granite monument. Another son, Jacob and his father were both sick with typhoid fever at the same time and were allowed no water. Jacob died. Joseph Van Metre studied Medicine in the office of Dr. Shrader at Iowa City(Gyneocologist), but at the outbreak of the Civil war, left his study at the call of his country. Joe was a lovable man; of all the boys in the Van Metre home, none showed more promise than did he. In fact in that day and in that home, he was not unlike Joseph of scriptural remembrance —a lad fair to look upon, of great promise and of real genius, a favorite of all. He became a Captain, his company being the 18th Iowa Volunteers. Joe was sick before he was wounded, was cared for in the home of Rhoda's eldest brother, John Winterstein, who was in Springfield, Mo. then. The nurse in his last illness testified to his Christian character. Henry Clay went to Missouri on horseback to see Joe after he was wounded, but found he was already buried (March 1863). (See Appendix for Joseph's war record). John was the youngest of Josina's family (not the John of Elizabeth's family). He practiced law for some time in Blairstown and Belle Plaine. His wife was Cora Richardson. He was a brilliant young man, a contemporary said of him (about the year 1905), "A brighter lawyer than John Van Metre never faced the bar in Iowa." His death when

about 30 was a hard blow on his mother. His burial place is Blairstown, Iowa, "marked by a stone broken off at the top."

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Isaac Taylor Van Metre, son of John Evans Van Metre Josina Van Mater (Metre), was born near Martinsburg, W. Va., Oct. 30, 1823; m. first Hattie Stocker. Their children were: 1) John A. Van Metre, living near Mitchell, So. Dak.—born Sept. 23, 1859; m. Lillie Teagar 1887, dau. of Owen Teagar and Nancy Bryant. She died 28 Aug. 1930. John's children were: —a) Benjamin, at Watertown, So. Dak.-banker and realtor; m. Lois Wiltsie and their child was Donald. b.) Leigh, died in infancy. c.) Florence Thompson at Alexandria, So. Dak., born Apr. 25, 1897. m. 1925 Earnest Thompson, school teacher.2) Fred Van Metre, Clemons, Ia., b. Apr. 13, 1863, Benton Co., Ia. m. Mar. 1, 1887—Mary Agnes Teagar. She was born Feb, 16, 1866, Marshall Co., Ia., dau of David Teagar and Mary M. Bryant. She d. May 18, 1924-Fred died Jan. 16, 1934. Fred's children were: a) Raymond L., born Sept. 9, 1889. m. Catheryne M. Smith, Jan. 28, 1914. Their children were Wayne Fred, born June 15, 1915; Boyd Raymond, b. Jan. 23, 1921; and Mary Catheryne, Mar. 23, 1925. b.) Matie Belle Smith at Clemons, Ia., b. June 24, 1894; m. Byron A. Smith, Feb. 10, 1915. Their children were Max Avery, Apr. 17, 1918-and Eugene Taylor, Mar. 28, 1924. c)Teddie B. (died). d)Earl Taylor born Apr. 27, 1901. m. Jan. 1, 1926, Mary Agnes Cassidy; their children were Dean Frederick, born Nov. 11, 1926 and Marvin Earl b. Nov. 26, 1928. e)Wilbur David, born June 6, 1905. 3) William Van Metre at Portland, Oregon-b. Feb. 16, 1866, at Blairstown, Ia., m. first Maria Newland, Feb. 23, 1890 in Marshall Co., Ia. She was b. June 10, 1865 and d. Feb. 16, 1926. William and Maria raised two orphans: Charles Ealey who never was adopted, b. June 6, 1897 and d. in an auto accident in 1927. Laura Ruth Ealey (Van Metre) Thompson was born June 6, 1899 and adopted 1915. She m. W. C. Thompson of Portland, Ore., Feb, 22, 1918. Their child is Ruth Louise,

b. Mar. 5, 1919. William married second Lydia McCollough Mar. 24, 1927 who was b. July 13, 1877. A step-daughter of William, Orienne McCollough Sawyer was b. July 26, 1898 and m. M. J. Sawyer July 24, 1922. 4) Nettie May Collins, at St. Edward, Neb. was b. 3 May, 1870, Marshall Co., Ia., m. Mar. 7, 1894, Eugene T. Collins, son of Thomas G. Collins and Mary Ann Carter. Their children were a) Dora Della, b. May 9, 1895, grad. Nebraska Wesleyan, taught Mathematics and Science, d. Aug. 19. 1919. b) Fred Thomas Collins, near St. Edward, Neb., b. 2 Jan. 1897, grad. Ia. State College, Mechanical Engineer. m. Ethel M. Lawrence. Their children were William Thomas, Dora Jean, Patricia Ann, and Lawrence Fred. 5) Charles H. Van Metre, Rev., Marshalltown, Chaplain Iowa Soldier's Home, b. 19 Mar. 1872; m. Adeline Fellingham Oct. 8, 1902 at Marshalltown. She was b. Apr. 9, 1870, dau. of Alfred P. Fellingham and Mary Chapin, Grundy Co., Ill. Addie grad. Cedar Falls, 1894; d. Apr. 8, 1933. She was beloved in many churches, from which came such tributes, especially for her zeal for Home Missionary work, that one could wish every minister's wife might hear and be inspired at her similar opportunity to help. A woman of poise, splendid business woman, and one of the friendliest, true blue loyal type. Their dau., Helen Adeline Mann, b. Aug. 11, 1903; grad. Northwestern U., taught school in Montana; m. James W. Mann, res. Winnetka, Ill., grad. U. of Montana, teacher. Their dau. is Mary Helen, b. Aug. 1929. Charlie grad. Epworth Sem. 1894, Upper Iowa U. 1897, Garrett Biblical Inst. 1902. His pastorates in NW Iowa Conference: Arthur, Lake Bluff, Alden, Belmond, Clarion, Emmetsburg, Rockwell City, Odebolt, Garner, Mapleton (in Methodist Episcopal Church.) Army service: from Aug. 1918 to Oct. 1919, held post of Chaplain in Amer. Exped. Force, France, World war, 133 Infantry, Ia. Nat'l Guard. Ten years Chaplain Ia. Nat'l Guard, ranking as Major since May 1931. m. 2nd. Miss Bertha Jeannette Campbell (Marshalltown), June 1, 1934. Isaac Taylor Van Metre m. 2nd., Mary Blaine, dau. of Wilson Blaine and Lucinda Winterstein (half sister of Rhoda W. V.). Mary was b. Johnson Co., m. Isaac Taylor 1876, d.

Aug. 1886. Their children:—6)Hattie Oxley, Cedar Rapids, b. 24 Aug. 1877 in Marshall Co , m. Rev. Charles G. Oxley, 1896 from Maxwell, Story Co., Congregational minister for some years, preached at Bennett, Dickens, Peterson, all in Iowa. Their only child, Kenneth, b. 16 July, 1908–grad. Ia. State College 1934, Electrical Engineer, 7) Carrie Jacobus, Salem, So. Dak., b. 21 Feb. 1878; m. Roy L. Jacobus, farming. Children: Everett Floyd, Celeste Iona, Willmuth Ruth, Harold Keith, Eloise, and Elvin Boyd (died in infancy). 8)Lucy was b. Feb. 4, 1882, Marshall Co., d. Nov. 18, 1903.

Isaac Taylor Van Metre (Uncle Taylor), the eldest son, moved to Marshall Co., Ia., after the war in 1869, along with Jeptha, both settling on farms seven miles NW. of State Center, Ia. Taylor remained there till the time of his death, 1886. His dau. Lucy died in young womanhood. Isaac Taylor and his wife died the same year. Their big brothers and their good wives were as good as parents to these girls, Nettie, Hattie and Carrie. Taylor in his prime was as fine a specimen of physical perfection as could be found anywhere. He stood six feet, square-shouldered and erect, weighing just 200 pounds, with not an ounce of superfluous flesh. There was not a man in the whole region where he ever lived who was his master in a friendly or otherwise encounter in physical prowess. I might add that excelling along these lines, wrestling and boxing, characterized the entire family. He was a good husband and father and a Van Metre through and through. (As an old soldier told Chaplain Van Metre at Marshalltown in 1933 of Henry Clay, "He was the fightingest little man I ever saw. Always glad to get off his horse and oblige anybody."

Jeptha Morgan Van Metre, son of John Evans V. and Josina V., b. 13 Apr. 1825, near Martinsburg, W. Va., m. 1st. Helen Ruth Stocker, sister of W.E. Stocker. She died when their dau. Helen was born. 1859. Helen, left motherless was raised by her aunt Elizabeth P. Stocker, a teacher, the oldest of three sisters. Helen m. first L. J. Anderson. Their children were: Jessica, Rollo and Lea. She later married again, now living in New York, we believe. Jeptha m. second in 1875, Elizabeth

P. Stocker (Libbie), who died 1891 in St. Edward, Neb. Libbie had no children but raised at Albion, Ia., (Academy),[besides Helen] Nettie and Charlie of Isaac Taylor's family. Jeptha d. April 11, 1886, Marshall Co., Ia.

Jeptha, the second eldest in the home was a volunteer, going with the sixth Iowa Volunteer Cavalry and did valiant service in the Dakotas, repulsing and subduing the "Redskins", as they were constantly harassing the early settlers and were especially annoying when every nerve was at tension in the great conflict in the South land. A captain in the Civil war, Jeptha was wounded three times by the Indians. In the battle of White Stone Hill, he was wounded in the cheek and nose by Sitting Bull, whom he (JVM) is report to have killed. The cut was so deep, his comrades held his cheek tightly for hours, so he would not bleed to death. His face was badly scarred. Upon the death of their mother, Charlie and Nettie of the Taylor Van Metre family, who were two and four years old respectively, were given at the request of their mother, to Jeptha and Elizabeth Van Metre to raise as their own children. They were never legally adopted by them but this was always their home, and a good one it proved to be. Jeptha V. was a brother to Taylor, and Elizabeth a sister to Hattie, his wife. Jeptha and Taylor both settled on farms near State Center in 1869. Jeptha moved in 1877, nearer to the county seat, Marshalltown, his home being just three miles NW from that place. Jeptha and his wife "Nellie" are buried in the family cemetery on a hill South of the house on the farm where John Evans V. and his family lived, and afterward, Henry Clay V. and his family.

Henry Clay Van Metre, son of John Evans V. and Josina V., b. 16 Feb. 1829, Pickaway Co., Ohio; m. 1858 Rhoda Dunn Winterstein, dau. of Nicholas Winterstein and Mary (Polly) Dolbee; children: 1) Ezra 1859, 2) Edward Joseph 1860, 3) Mary Josina died in infancy 1862, 4)George died in infancy 1864, 5) Henry d. in infancy 1866, 6) John Evans 1868, d. 1913, 7) Hubert d. in infancy 1870, 8) Sallie Stinson Diehl 1872, 9) Jessie Hoffman 1874, 10) Rena Witmer 1876, 11) Paul Winterstein 1878. Henry Clay d., aged 90, 1919.

It may be noted in connection with four sons who responded to the call of their country, that Henry Clay, another son who had trained at West Point, could not be of the number who wore the blue in active service. He wanted to go to the war. He had a company all drilled in Vinton. His father begged so hard to keep one boy, John was only 14, so Henry Clay did not enlist. He perhaps sacrificed more personally in remaining at home. He was a married man with children and he gladly gave way and in the absence of the others, cared for his own and for the families of some of his brothers who did go, as well as take care of his sick and aged father and his mother. However he was not inactive in those days, encouraging and recruiting men and also using his Military tactics in matters of drill, etc. Henry Clay remained at the old home until after his parents died, and it was here that he reared his entire family. He was b. 16 Feb. 1829; d. Sept. 5, 1919. Came to Iowa with parents in 1854, settling near Cedar Rapids, then one year later moving to the farm in Benton Co. In the winter of 1901, having sold the 275 acre farm, due to continued and serious stomach trouble which periodically prostrated Henry Clay, he and his wife Rhoda, moved to Belle Plaine, 11 miles distant. Here they built a home on an acreage directly North of the High School, where Jessie, Rena and Paul graduated. In 1897 they moved to Tipton, where Ezra and Edward Joseph (Ned) and where Sallie had gone to High School. They bought an acreage in the east part of town, rebuilt a home and lived in it until Rhoda's death on Sept. 1, 1915. Rhoda Dunn Winterstein V. came with her parents to Iowa in mover wagons about 1838, settling in the Flint Hills (Burlington), later to Johnson Co., near Cedar Rapids. Both her father, Nicholas Winterstein, and Henry Clay's father exhibited their farm products at State Fair at Iowa City. In the possession of Rena V. Witmer, is a certificate of award given to one of her grandparents, signed as Fair Official by the other grandparent. When she was m. to Henry Cay, they lived in the home of his parents, and continued to farm the old homestead bought of them, about 34 years. Eleven children were born, only seven surviving childhood.

Henry Clay and Rhoda went to Willow Springs, SW Missouri, and lived on their bachelor son's farm [John Evans] while he was in the Span.-Amer. war. [notes from Chas. H. Van Metre, Sallie V. Diehl, P. W. Van Metre.]

Family of Henry Clay Van Metre & Rhoda Winterstein:- I. Ezra Van Metre, res. Los Angeles-Real Estate-b. 27 Feb. 1859-Pickaway, Benton Co., Ia., grad. State U. Ia., Law, 1882; m. Emma Collins, dau. of E. G. Collins & Hattie Biswell-children: 1)Edward Marion (Ned), b. 11 Feb. 1897, Kenesaw, Neb., m. Mazie Peet-children:-Robert Peet 1921, William Ezra 1923. 2)Donald b. 18 April 1899, Tipton, Ia., m. Jessie Marshall-children:-Nancy Anne, 29 Aug. 1926, Thomas Marshall, 28 July 1928, N. Y. City. 3)Gerald, b. 19 Oct. 1903, Tipton, Ia., m. Armantha Roberts-child-Lawrence 24 Nov. 1928, Daytona Beach, Fla. II. Edward Joseph Van Metre, M. D. [Ned,] res. Tipton, Ia., b. 23 Sept. 1860, grad. Rush Medical College 1886 m. Etta Ure, dau. of James E. Ure & Mary Kerr near Cedar Rapids, Ia.-children:-1)Harold Van Metre, M. D., Los Angles, Medical Director Athletics, U. of Southern California, [see notes] -b. March 1887-died Jan. 28, 1934; grad. L. A. and Medicine, State U., Ia. 1915; m. Mary Stuckslager, grad. Vassar College-children:-Mary Van b. 1918-died 1923; Rowena [Bobie] b. May 17, 1920-died Jan. 1933; Edward, b. 1927.—2)Douglas Ure Van Metre, Mt. Vernon, Ia.-banker, Treas. of Cornell College, b. Sept. 1890; studied at Military Academy in Pa., and at State U. Ia., Captain in World war, 6'' Pioneer Infantry, Camp Sherman, O., near Circleville.-m. Mary Copley-child, Douglas Copley, b. 1928. III. John Evans Van Metre [2nd] So. Dak. b. May 9, 1868, Benton Co., Ia.-served in Span. Amer. war 1898 (see notes on following pages). m. Lena Stark, dau. of John F. Stark & Margaret. Lena was b. Nov. 30, 1876 - m. 25 April 1901, res. Unityville, So. Dak.-children:-Henry John b. 16 May 1902, grad. So. Dak. State College, studied at Ia. State College, res. Waseca, Minn., Agricultural Service - m. Gwendolyn Ruble- b. 1904, grad. So. Dak. State College, m. June 21, 1931-child Sallie Ann, b. July 20, 1933. - 2)Eunice Louise, b. 24 Jan. 1906, grad. Dak. Wesleyan U., grad. Asbury

Theological, Wilmore, Ky.. minister at Lemmon, So. Dak., (M. E. Church).—3)Alice Eleanor b. July 7, 1909, grad. Dak. Wesleyan–teacher, Rosebud, So. Dak.–Indian Reservation.—4)Jessie Margaret, b. 16 May, 1913. John Evans died 1913. IV. Sallie Adella Stinson Diehl, R. N., Supt. St. Luke's Hospital, Cedar Rapids, Ia. Social Service–res. Tipton, Ia., b. 6 March, 1872, Benton Co., Ia.–m. 1st Charles Edward Stinson (Rev.), son of A. D. Stinson & Elizabeth Doke, b. 1871, d. 1918, grad. Boston U., minister in No. Dak. M. E. churches. Sallie m. 2nd, Daniel L. Diehl, son of Daniel Diehl & Anna Marie Lichtenwalter, Marshall Co., Ill., banker, Tipton, Ia.,–raising a boy, Delbert Duane Dettman, b. 1928. V. Jessie Nell Hoffman, b. 26 Mar. 1874, Benton Co., gifted and generous musician, Tipton, Ia. m. Paul M. Hoffman, M. D., son of William Hoffman (born in Germany) and Irene Hutchinson of Muscatine, Ia., grad. L. A. 1901–Medicine 1905, State U. Ia., Interne Mercy Hosp. Davenport, Ia., child, Paul Jr., b. Nov. 21, 1916. VI. Rena Cecilia Witmer, b. April 26, 1876, Benton Co., hostess of one of the most delightful homes of Iowa, res. Tipton, m. Harry Albert Witmer, Mar. 17, 1904, son of Emanuel J. Witmer & Magdalena Beard, near Harrisburg, Pa., monuments. Children:–Walter Van Metre, b. 8 Apr. 1905, grad. Grinnell College, 1927—newspaper work, Memphis, Tenn., m. Vallie Jo Jackson, Oct. 12, 1932–child, Vallie Jo., b. 16 July 1933. 2)Florence Winifred, b. 10 Aug. 1907, grad. Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Ia. 1929, M. A. from Western Reserve U. 1931, Camp-fire Girls' Executive, Cleveland, O. 3)Helen Lois, b. 29 Dec. 1911, studied at Grinnell College, Junior at Cedar Falls, State Teachers' College. VII. Paul Winterstein Van Metre, M. D., res. Rockwell City, Ia., b. 24 June 1878, Benton Co., Ia., grad. Medicine, State U., Ia., 1910; m. Frances Louise Crawford, 1912, dau. of Jennings Price Crawford, M. D. and Anna Williams, Davenport, Ia., S. Katharines School, Davenport, 1905. Mt. Holyoke College 2 yrs. S. U. I. L. A. grad. 1909. English teacher. Children—Rhoda, b. 23 July 1914, Nakon Sri Tamarat, Siam; John Crawford, b. 27 Dec. 1915, Siam.

I knew Rhoda Van Metre when her hair was white and wavy, above the sweetest and kindest of faces. Thoughtful of others, generous, appreciative, good tempered, her moral and religious ideals were the highest. Patiently working along at household tasks, unworried, unhurried, she always had time to visit with her household and neighbors. When I first visited there, I asked her what Paul liked to eat. She said, "Anything that's good". When she visited us, she was only willing to stay a few days, the chickens needed to be taken care of. She broke her arm once climbing up into the hay loft after eggs, when she was well past eighty. Inclined to mild panic when her physician-son come to set the fracture, she tried to make light of the matter when his wife arrived and put the matter in a less serious light. Harold, eldest son of Edward Joseph Van Metre & Etta Ure, chose to follow in his medical father's steps. No finer endowment for helping suffering could Nature give than she did to him. He literally charmed his patients (as he did his friends) with his winsomeness. As a fellow M. D. described this faculty, speaking just a few weeks before his sudden illness and death, "after Van once contacted his patient, it was no use for anyone else to try". This same classmate said that Van had enjoyed at least "All American" popularity in Iowa City Athletic circles for the last 20 years, because he made the first touch-down against Minnesota in as many years. He was eminently successful as a as a surgeon and was enabled in his brief span of medical practice (1915-1934) to accomplish in service to his fellow men more than many encompass in a long life. A Los Angeles Hospital where he was a staff member, passed resolutions on his death, which said (in part), "Handicapped as he was, he faced life with *courage*, the greatest virtue a man may possess". This refers to his life-long struggle with bronchial asthma, which finally meant his death. (P. W. V.)

John E. Van Metre (2nd) studied at Moody Bible Institute, for he had a great longing to go into S. S. missionary work. This was never realized, tho he was a devoted Christian worker in several struggling Sunday Schools near where he lived. He first farmed in Missouri, near Willow Springs, Howell Co.,

served in Span.-Amer. War-Private of Co. F. of Sixth Reg't Infantry, Missouri Volunteers—enrolled 9 July, 1898, was in camp in Georgia before sailing, fought in battle when Havana was taken. He liked the country and hoped some day to return and see if Freedom had been a help to Cuba. Then came to McCook Co., So. Dak., 5 miles NW of Salem, Aug. 1899, settling on farm owned by his father where he lived two years, married, moved to farm in Minor Co., So. Dak. (Beaver Twp., Sec. 13) ten miles So. of Fedora. He died Aug. 16, 1913, from an accident with farm machinery. (Lena V. & F. C. V.)

Paul W. Van Metre was undergrad. interne, Bellevue Hosp., Muscatine, Ia., three months; for one year, at Methodist Hosp., Des Moines, Ia.; and externe three months, interne and First Assistant for three months at Augustana Hosp., Chicago. Taught Surgery at University of Missouri, (Columbia, Mo.) for eight months. Was refused when tried twice to enlist in World War, served in Volunteer Medical Corps, 1918. Supt. Memorial Hosp., Nakon Sri Tamarat, Siam, 1913-1917, under Presb. Board, U.S.A. Founder and for years, Sec. Mgr. of Twin Lakes Dist. Dry Clinic with annual meeting at Rockwell City (in 1934, including eleven Iowa Counties, with attendance of 160 M.D.s.)

(Notes on Winterstein Family in Appendix.

Isaiah Van Metre, son of John Evans Van Metre and Josina V., b. Circleville, Ohio, 21 Nov. 1838, m. Eleanor Isabel Thompson (Ella) 25 Dec. 1873, b. Fall River, Mass., 14 Feb. 1851, d. 3 Jan. 1934, dau. of William Thompson and Elizabeth Ann Nelson, natives of Belfast, Ireland. Children:—I. (son) 1874, d. at birth, Dakota City, Ia. II. Margaret Corton (Meta), Waterloo, Ia., b. 17 Jan. 1875, Dakota City, Ia., grad. State U. Ia, teacher, newspaper woman, m. 22 Sept. 1912, Edward Lincoln Corton, newspaper man, Waterloo Courier, son of John Corton b. England and Charlotte Standish, New York State (descendant of Miles Standish). Children:—1)John Van Metre, 19 June 1913; 2)Edward Lincoln, Jr., 3 July 1915, student at Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls, Ia.; 3) Richard Van Metre, 21 April 1920. III. John, b. 1879, Cedar Falls, Ia., d. age of 4 at

Waterloo. IV. Richard Thompson Van Metre, M. D., Fremont, Neb., b. 25 July 1879, Cedar Falls, Ia., grad. State U. of Iowa, Medical Dept., 1905. Capt. M. C. World War stationed at Fort Riley, Kan. and Little Rock, Ark., m. Marie Genevieve Murdoch, dau. of Henry Alexander Murdoch and Frances Elibabeth Everett at Iowa City 17 Jan. 1906. Child:- Richard Thompson Van Metre, Jr., b. 18 July 1907. Attended U. of Nebraska, grad. Midland College, Fremont, Neb., A. B. Boy Scout Executive, Assistant Director Transient Relief of Neb. V. Ricker Henry Van Metre, Evanston, Ill., b. 30 Sept. 1884. Waterloo, Lumber, (pres. Wyoming Tie & Lumber Co.; Pres. Riverton Bank, Wyom.) attended Princeton U., studied Law, U. of Minn., m. Louise Watkins, dau. of William T. Watkins and Genevieve Williston, St. Paul. Children:-1) Genevieve Gilbertson, b. 1908, student at Sweet Briar College, Va., Art for 2 years in Paris and Vienna, work at Chicago Art Institute, commercial artist, m. Boris Gilbertson, Sculptor, studied at Chicago Art Institute. 2) Ricker, Jr., b. 1910, Senior in Chicago U., m. Veronica Ryan 1933. 3) Janet 1917. 4) Patricia (Patty) 1920. 5) John (Peter) 1925. VI. Virginia Lund, Kingsley, Ia., b. 11 Sept. 1886, Waterloo, Ia., attended State U. Ia,, grad. Ia. Teachers' College, Cedar Falls, m. Sept. 1912, Iver Bertinius Lund (John) son of Christopher Lund and Johanna Nelson, Norway. Jeweler. Children:-1) Horace Nelson, b. 19 May 1915, violinist. 2) Virginia (2nd), 23 June 1918. 3) Richard, 29 June 1921. 4) Van Metre, 12 July 1924. VII. Alice Ruth, b. 6 Aug. 1890, d. 1901 Waterloo, Ia. VIII. (Baby girl) 1892, died at birth. IX. Horace Nelson Van Metre, Waterloo, lawyer, b. 30 Aug. 1894, Waterloo (one of twins), grad. State U. Ia., Law, served in U.S. Navy, World War., practiced at Ft. Dodge, Ia. and West Palm Beach, Fla., 1934 Dem. Candidate for Congress, m. 29 Dec. 1924 Maybeth Susan Mack, dau. of William Fred Mack and Augusta Newton; child:- Horace Peter, b. 28 Dec. 1927. X. Maurice Evans, Cleveland, Ohio, b. 30 Aug. 1894, twin of Horace, Waterloo, Ia., attended State U. Iowa, newspaper work, first on Waterloo Tribune (founded by his father), then Sioux City, Des Moines, Kansas City, Editorial Dept. of Cleveland News, m.

Sept. 1927 Zoe Scott London, dau. of Eugene Scott and Mae London. Step-daughter, Betty June London. —Isaiah V. d. 5 July 1914.

Isaiah studied law with Uncle Ezra at Cedar Rapids, and after his death with D. M. McIntosh, Cedar Rapids, and Col. I. M. Preston of Marion. Admitted to the bar in 1858. Early showed interest in newspaper work. First editor of Benton Co. Democrat. Sold out and while teaching in Iowa Co., took half interest in Marengo Democrat. Sold out and attended Cornell College, Mt. Vernon. Enlisted in Cedar Rapids in 1861 in Co. K, 1st Reg't Iowa Volunteer Infantry. In telling of his war experience, he spoke of how hungry they got, 'they would pick up bacon rinds and eat them. One soldier complained to his officer, "can men tramp all over the Ozark Mts. on mush?" ' Sent home because of illness at end of three months. Tried to enlist at Leavenworth, Kan., and when refused, went to Colorado, where he was accepted as recruit in Independant Battery, under Capt. McClain. Served until end of war with good record. Received discharge 1 July 1865. After returning home he divided time between teaching and newspaper work. After trip to Rocky Mts. in search of gold, returned to Iowa and taught school near State Center, where he met his future wife. Bought Humbolt County Independent and was editor 1870-1877. Moved to Cedar Falls and edited Cedar Falls Recorder 1877-1879. He founded Cedar Valley Tribune (afterward Waterloo Tribune) in 1879. Remained with the paper until he sold in 1901. For last 20 years he was sole proprietor and editor. His widow lived in Waterloo until her death in 1934. Isaiah was a staunch Democrat all his life and upholder of the Gold Standard. An editorial writer of ability and deep student of world events. — (Sallie Diehl, Margaret Corton)

The kindly, patient, unchanging manner of "Aunt Ella" in any and every situation, during the time a selfish young man (her husband's nephew) lived in that home, is a thing never to be forgotten by him. Work and more work was the order of the day and the night. She might make little headway in her evening sewing, darning and mending—for part of the time she

was nodding and asleep—but lateness of the hour didn't appall her! Her spouse was only partially similarly engaged, for a book or the evening paper (not sewing) took his attention when he was wakened at intervals.

APPENDIX

Families Allied by Marriage

du Bois (see Joost Janse or John of New York).
Bodine (see Jan Joosten 2nd, or John of Virginia).
Hedges (see Abraham)
Evans (see Isaac).
Burns (see John Evans Van Metre).
Stocker (see Isaac Taylor and Jeptha).
Winterstein (see Henry Clay).

War Records

Johonnes V., Jr.
Abraham Van Metre
Jacob Van Metre
Nicholas Winterstein
Joseph Van Metre

Proofs of War Record of following, not given but referred to in text:

Jeptha Morgan V.
Isaiah V.
John Evans V, (2nd)
Charles H. V.
Richard T. V.
Douglas Ure V.
Horace N. V.

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The genealogist, B. F. Van Meter, believes that the Van Metres of U. S. have all sprung from Jan Gysbertsin, and his son Kryn Jansen Van Meteren. Jan Gysbertsin Van Meteren emigrated from Bommell, Gelderland, Holland, 1663, a widower, with a son Kryn Jansen Van Meteren. They settled at New Utrecht, L. I., later at Middletown, Monmouth Co., East Jersey. B. F. Van Meter traces these generations: 1. Jan Gysbertsin Van Meteren, 2. Kryn Jansen Van Meteren, 3. Jan Van Metre, 4. Isaac Van Metre, 5. Garret Van Meter, 6. Jacob Van Meter, 7. Isaac Van Meter, 8. Benj. F. Van Meter. They lived in Hardy Co., W. Va. However, the historian, S. G. Smyth, has traced Jan Gysbertsin Van Meteren and his descendants' history, and assures us, he is not the ancestor of the Virginia branch of the family. In a letter written by Smyth to Mrs. Garden, he writes, "Jan Gysbertsin is probably a brother of Jan Joosten". Mrs. Garden records Emanuel Van Meteren as the father of Jan Joosten, Smyth and B. F. Van Meter do not give this connection tho they both give full narratives of Emanuel in Holland and London.

Wm. Ortels, father of Jacob's wife was the grandfather of Abraham Ortels, or Orteleius, world famed geographer. Jacob Van Meteren of Breda (Belgium) showed fine enthusiasm for the Reformed Creed "in defraying the expenses of the translation and printing of the English Bible at Antwerp, for which he availed himself of the services of a learned scholar, Miles Coverdale (Couerdal) by name, much to the furtherence of the kingdom of our Savior in England", (This is one of the rarest of printed books). A short time before the birth of his son, while the father was absent from home, emissaries from the Roman Church searched the house for the forbidden books and papers. The mother prayed that they might not be found, and tho the intruders had their hands on the chest of papers, the treasures were not discovered, hence the name of her baby, "Emanuel" or "God with us".

Emanuel Van Meteren—It is difficult to give any brief account of the life of Emanuel V., Dutch Historian, merchant,

friend of Hendrick Hudson, Dutch consul in London, and chief of " College of Dutch Merchants in London". Mrs. Mary R. Garden is our authority that he IS an ancestor of the immigrant Jan Joosten Van Meteren. His God-fearing parents, early studies, choice of Commerce, apprenticeship to Dutch Merchant, adherence to Reformed Faith, marriages, ten years imprisonment by Spaniards when he went to Antwerp on business, release thru English connections, successes, and end of long blessed life.

REFERENCES—B. F. Van Meter-pp 159 to 165;- Smyth; Garden; (reminding us of old hymn, "Our fathers chained in prisons dark").

Tho it is stated on good authority that Emanuel Van Meteren was the father of the immigrant Jan Joosten, we believe the connection is more distant, since Emanuel died 1612, at age of 77, and Jan Joosten did not sail to America with his family until 50 years later. We may be proud that our family is even distantly related to such men as Emanuel and his father, Jacob. (F. C. V.)

Louis du Bois de Fiennes, Huguenot ancestor in Colonial wars, (father of Sara of Meteren) born 28 Oct. 1626 in La Basse near Lille, in Province of Artois, France. He is said to have been a descendant of Guelph, Prince of the Scyrii(A.D.476)(Italy to Bavaria) but the line is broken, the names of some being erased and their property confiscated, when they espoused and held to the faith of Protestantism. Louis took refuge from religious persecution at Mannheim in Lower Palatinate of Germany, where he married a refugee from French Flanders, Catharine, dau. of Mathese Blanchan of Wicres, Artois or Marseilles, France, 10 Oct. 1655. Their two eldest children were b. in Mannheim. Emigrated to America 1660, settled in New Village (Hurley) near Kingston, Ulster Co., N.Y.-was one of original patentees of New Paltz. Fought in Second Esopus war 1663 (see note on Catharine du Bois) - served with Colonial forces against Indians 1670—Louis d. Kingston, 1696. Will was proved 27 Mar. 1696.

REFERENCES—Minnich; Garden; Smyth pp. 22, 23, 24, 224.

Catharine du Bois—In the Second Esopus war, 1663, among the captives taken by the Minnisink Indians into the Cats-

kill Mts., when they burned the village of Hurley, June 7, were Catharine du Bois and Macyken Van Meteren with some of their children. After ten weeks the Indians decided to celebrate their repeated escape from pursuit, by burning one of their prisoners. Catharine and her baby Sara (who afterwards became the wife of Joost Janse Van Meteren) were placed upon a pile of logs. The Huguenot mother began to sing a hymn learned in France. The charmed Indians withheld the torch and listened, demanding another and another song. Before the last hymn was finished, her husband Louis du Bois, with the Dutch soldiers and Capt. Krieger arrived, and this time were successful in saving all the captives and punishing the Indians.

REFERENCE—Same as for Louis.

Dutch church and Bodine family—In the neighborhood of Burlington, N. J. on the Raritan, was a Reformed Dutch church organized 1715, later known as the Readington church, where some of the Van Metres were members. In this church at least three of Jan Joosten's (2nd) children were baptized: Sara 30 Oct. 1706, Johonnes 28 April 1708, and Marie 27 Apr. 1709. Jan Van Meteren who was born at Kingston, went to the Raritan and probably m. there, possibly Sarah Bodine but Smyth believes it was Margaret ~~Bodine~~ Bridgeman (Miller), probably a dau. of Isaac Bodine and his wife Cathryn (Kathlyn); both were sponsors at the baptism of the two Van Meteren children Sara and Johonnes Whether Sarah or ~~Margaret~~, they were descendants of the French emigrants, Jean Bodine and Esther Bridow, who settled on Staten Island, where Jean died 1685. He was born at Nedis, France.

John's (Jan Joosten 2nd. or John of Virginia) four sons emigrated to Virginia in 1744, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and John. Abraham and John (Johonnes Sr.) settled in Berkeley Co., on East side of Allegheny Mts. Jacob settled at the lower end of the South Branch Valley, Isaac settled and built his fort at "Indian Old Fields", now Hardy Co., W. Va.; he was killed by Indians, 1756. (B. F. Van Meter follows up Isaac's descendants in his book)–pp. 48, 108. Some of these brothers came to

this valley as early as 1730—another brother, (Henry) was with Jacob and Abraham in Greene Co., Pa. in 1722, (Smyth). Jacob's fort was near Carmichaels, Greene Co., Pa., (Wm. Crawford Memorial-Eddy, p. 51.) Abraham's fort was near West Liberty, Ohio Co., W. Va. (Garden).

The American branch of the Hedges family descends from Joseph, son of Sir Charles, Sec. of State under Queen Anne of England, a very great man; married some daughter of a hundred Earls, which estranged the lady's family and high-born friends, and finding herself a stranger to her own, they left England, fled to Maryland 1734. Tradition of an enormous fortune to be divided among their heirs after 100 years, never accomplished. (B. F. Van Meter-p. 150).

Washington visited "Soloman Hedges, one of His Majesty's Justices of ye peace for ye County of Frederick" (W. Va.) —scant and simple life of frontier of that day even in the best homes—"When we came to Supper there was neither a Cloth upon ye Table nor a knife to eat with but as good luck would have it we had knives of our own". The lady of that household was none other than the daughter of John Vanmeter, who owned one of the finest sections of river bottom in the present state of West Virginia and to whom many prominent people in every section of the country proudly trace their lineage. — "Henry Vanmeter's" place-"over to the South Branch of the Potomac-area must have warmed his heart—good land, magnificent scenery, river clear and sparkling, great cattle and horse grazing country—haystacks dot the landscape." Washington's brother Charles had a plantation near Charles Town. (Travels of Geo. Washington-Showalter-National Geographic, Jan. 1932.

Evans family. —Of three men in direct descent by name John Evans, the first came from Wales to New Jersey, near Burlington. We know his name was John as his son signed his name John Evans, Jr. There were at least three sons, Isaac Evans, d. Apr. 1793 leaving widow Martha and seven children; Joseph Evans d. Sept. 1804 leaving widow Ann and eight children; and John Evans, Jr. who m. Margaret (Polly). John

Evans II. (Jr.) came to Va. about 1740, bought land of the Van Metres. John Van Metre had come there in 1730. John Evans II. (Jr.) built a stockade, "John Evans Fort", 1753-6 on the Opequon R. near where the State Road crosses it from Martinsburg to Charles Town; 2 miles SE of Martinsburg, W. Va. Gen. Braddock visited there 1755. It was attacked several times but never destroyed. The children of John E. and Margaret were: 1)John (Jack) III. who m. 1797 Mary Van Metre, dau. of Jacob V. and Isabella; 2)Ephriam; 3)Edmond; 4) Washington who m. 1833 Laurina Snodgrass; 5)Isaac who m. 1807 Susan Myers; 6)Joseph; 7) Elizabeth; 8)Mary who m. 1793 Isaac Van Metre son of Jacob V. and Isabella; 9)Rosanna; 10)Ann; 11)Martha; 12)Rebekah. John Evans II. (Jr.) died 12 Dec. 1800. Margaret Evans died 5 June 1805. John's will was probated 24 Feb. 1801—recorded Berkeley Co. will book 3, p. 358. John and Polly (Margaret) were buried near the fort but their resting place was plowed up. According to the property left in his will, John II. was a man of considerable means—John Evans III. (Jack or Jackie), oldest son of John Evans II. (Jr.), b. near John Evans Fort, m. 26 Jan. 1797 Mary [Polly] Van Metre, dau. of Jacob Van Metre and Isabella Evans. Following children mentioned in his will— 1)John V.; 2) Isaac; 3)Hezekiah; 4(Abraham; 5(Jacob; 6) Wesley; 7) Tillotson Fryatt. "They had eight sons and no daughters". John [Jack] was living 1825 [signature in New Testament and Commentary, printed 1823, "John Evans, Aug. 10, 1825, price $5.00"] He died about 1829. Estate appraised and settled, shown in will book 10/5, 15/31, 15/45.

REFERENCES—Evans family. Hist. of Berkeley Co. W. Va.- by Willis F. Evans, pp. 54. 55, 194, 195, 266.-Smyth pp. 100, 103.-Van Metre Family Bible (of Rev. C. H. Van Metre)-Mrs. E. M. Sites (Ethel Downs, Martinsburg)-Will of Jacob Van Metre, will of John Evans II., will of John Evans III. Marriage Records Berkeley Co., book 1, p 13 (License Jan. 26, 1797-marriage of Mary Van Metre to John Evans)-New Testament and Commentary, Vol. II. (now owned by P. W. V.) (See narrative of Polly Evans).

Margaret [Polly] Evans when quite young had married John Evans II., a young man of that region. Quiet, peaceful farm life, reared family of boys and girls. She had learned to

use a rifle quite as well as her father when she accompanied him on hunting expeditions as a young girl. Owned her own rifle, now took it up in defense of her home, carried it strapped to her shoulder for a number of years. She was doctor and nurse of the region, attended most new-born babies—always accompanied by her Great Dane dog, who could smell Injun for a great distance, when he would bark incessantly. Once when the fort was attacked suddenly by the Indians and none but women and children there, she made the women load rifles and she did the shooting from one port-hole after another, keeping up such a raking fire, that the Indians abandoned the attack. On another occasion when returning from a sick friend, an Indian pinioned her arms and started to carry her off a prisoner. She called the dog who came bounding, attacking the warrior so viciously, he had to let Mrs. Evans go. Unslinging her rifle, she shot the Indian dead. The Indians respected and dreaded her, boasting in vain they would get her scalp with long tresses, to dangle from their lodge-poles. But they never did. They called her, "Wahonda" –in Shawnee, "Squaw Chief".

(From Willis F. Evans' History of Berkeley Co., W Va. p. 266.)

Joanna Van Metre Burns, dau. of Johonnes Van Metre, Sr. and Rebecca Powelson, was born on the Monocacy; Prince George's Co., Md. about 1732. After her father's early death, Joanna and her brother, Johonnes, Jr. were brought up by their uncle, Jonas Hedges. She married William Burns, whose dates were 1718-31 Dec. 1806. Their children were: 1. George, 2. William Jr. who m. Magdalena Van Metre, 3. John who m. Frances Southworth, 4. Robert who m. Ruth Colgin, 6. Hannah who m. Abraham Van Metre, 7. Elizabeth who m. Abraham Van Metre, 8. Mary who m. Isaac Van Metre, 9 Isabella McDonald, 10. Margaret Whitnack(Whitney), and 11. Rebecca who m. William Van Metre. The farm property of her husband was at Kearneysville, the West side of Opequon Creek, Jefferson Co., W, Va., by patent from Lord Fairfax. There both Joanna and William are buried. They also owned 300 A. on Warm Springs Road. Their dau. Elizabeth Van Metre, was the mother of Elizabeth,

the first wife of John Evans Van Metre. Joanna died Aug. 1801 aged 69. Joanna's son John and wife, Frances were ancestors of Amelia McKown on the McKown side.

The children of Nancy Van Metre and John Alburtis were C. E. Alburtis and Anne Van Metre. Anne was a remarkable character and of untold value as a general nurse and midwife for the tribe. Anne married her cousin (Anne's grandfather Johonnes, Jr. and her husband John's great grandmother, Joanna Burns, were brother and sister.) John was the son of John Evans Van Metre and his first wife Elizabeth. John died shortly before his daughter Betty was born. Betty married Wheelock Stocker (W.E.) whose farm joined that of John E. Van Metre in Iowa. Their children were Joseph, Louise Kirk, Anna Wilson, and Jacob. Wheelock Stocker, b. 1824 New Hampshire, grew up in Maine, farmed in Illinois, went in gold rush to California. In 1855 on farm in Benton Co., Ia., then Blairstown, back to Benton county farm–died 1913–survived by wife Betty, children–Louise, Anna, and Jacob. His sisters were Hattie, Helen, and Elizabeth Stocker.

Nicholas Winterstein, b. 14 Feb. 1794, d. 27 Oct. 1880, m. 1st. Apr. 13, 1815, Ruth Blue who was b. March 1794, d. 11, Aug. 1826. He m. 2nd Aug. 23, 1827, Mary L. Dolbee who was b. 18 March 1804, d. 18 March 1865. He m. 3rd. Mary Ryerson, who had some children by a former husband. Of Ruth Blue Winterstein's children: 1 Lucinda Blain, b. 27 Jan. 1816, m. Sept. 1832 Wilson Blain. Their dau. Mary m. Isaac Taylor Van Metre. Mary's children–Hattie Oxley, Carrie Jacobus, Lucy. (see Isaac Taylor Van Metre family). 2 William b. Apr. 2, 1818, m. Susannah Larrimore Aug, 1839; res. near Griswold, Ia. 3 Sarah Jane Pitt, b. June 16, 1820, m. Apr. 1839 Phillip Pitt, d. Dec. 15, 1871. 4 Ann, b. Oct. 15, 1822. d. Oct. 15, 1823. Of Mary L. (Polly) Dolbee Winterstein's children: 1 Ruth, b. July 3, 1828; d. at birth. 2 John Q. Winterstein, b. May 27, 1829. m. Mary Fairchild; John's children: Art Winterstein, railroad engineer in Joliet; Kate Altig, wife of Perry Altig, D.V.S.—two miles south of Grinnell. Kate's dau.

Elizabeth m. Elmer Travis, son of chief bridge carpenter, I.C. R.R. Wash. State. 3 Elizabeth Swisher Henderson, b. Dec. 23, 1831, d. June 19, 1925, more than ninety-three years old; m. about 1853 Stephen Henderson. He was admitted to the bar 1853, Rock Island, Ill. M.E. minister 1858, Upper Ia. Conference. Captain in Civil war–24th Ia. Infantry; Col. of 44th Infantry. Pastor Lincoln, Neb. 1878, St. Paul M. E. church, d. Apr. 12, 1899. Elizabeth's children: George Eldon, 1854–1858. Rhoda 1855 Blanche 1856–both died in infancy. Henrietta, 1858-1886, Le Claire, Ia. Helen Harrison, 1864 m. Willard A. Harrison, York, Neb. nurseryman, res. Hollywood, Calif. Elizabeth's dau. Frances, b. 1867, Cedar Rapids, d. Jan. 26, 1927, Long Beach, m. Charles G. Cone 1885, Crete, Neb. Frances' children: Howard 1886 (2 c.) res. Long Beach; Charles G. Jr. 1888 (4 c.) res. Lincoln, Neb. Henrietta Middlekauff Fulkerson, res. Denver, Colo. Her son is Richard Middlekauff. 4 Rhoda Dunn Van Metre, b. Dec. 24, 1832 m. in Johnson Co. Henry Clay Van Metre (see hist. Henry Clay Van Metre). 5 Mary Ann Fowler, b. Aug. 27, 1834, m. Thomas Fowler; dau. Blanche Dietrich is living near Cherokee, Ia. (also 5 other children); Mary Ann d. Nov. 25, 1866. 6 Louis Peter Winterstein, b. July 12, 1836, m. Adella Zimmerman. Four of their children died in infancy–Harry about 21 disappeared. 7 Cecelia b. 9 May 1838, died at birth. 8 David Wilson Winterstein, b. Oct. 10, 1840, m. Juliet Brown 1 Jan. 1884. d. 7 Jan. 1914. Son Herbert Brown Winterstein b. 16 Mar. 1885, graduated Boston Tech. Electrical engineer, d. May 16, 1913. Juliet B. was born 4 July 1849, died 11 July 1932. 9 Nicholas H. Winterstein, b. July 20, 1843, d. 19 June 1845.

Nicholas Winterstein came to Milford, Delaware, aged 10, after the Revolution. Came to Iowa first alone on horseback to see about moving, leaving Polly and her small children in their home in Pickaway Plains, Franklin Co., Ohio. After a year he returned, when they started out for Iowa about 1834, the father and his son William on horseback–the family in a covered wagon drawn by an ox-team, over the Old Post Road [but not the Northern one], through Sandusky and near Lima, Ohio. At

Springfield, Ill., Polly was so worn out, they stopped many months. They lived in Sangamon Co., Ill. in Sept. 1836. Iowa was then part of Blackhawk's Purchase, not a territory till 1838. They moved to the Flint Hills, settling at Mediapolis near Burlington, Ia., Nov. 1838 and to Johnson Co., Ia., Mar. 1845. Nicholas and wife, Mary, [Polly] Dolbee are buried near Solon, Ia. in cemetery west of town on the north side of the road.–The name Dolbee was an English contraction of DeAlbert, a French name, dating back to Huguenot Queen Jeanne DeAlbert. The family were Norman-English, their ancestors coming over with William the Conqueror.

Winterstein References on Above Data

Data from Sallie Diehl, Helen Harrison, Ezra Van Metre. Winterstein Bible, property of P. W. Van Metre, given him by Sallie Diehl who received it from Juliet B. Winterstein. Letter from Helen Henderson Harrison to Juliet B. Winterstein, June 30, 1925. Document of Nicholas' warrant for land in home Rena Witmer. F. C. V. has true copy of same. [see war records]

John Van Metre, 1752, ancestor of Mrs. Garden and Mr. Minnich, was recorded in Smyth book as son of Henry Van Metre and Eve, but in letter to Mrs. Garden, Smyth changes record of parentage to Abraham V. and Ruth Hedges, which we now accept. His first wife was murdered by Indians, also a dau. Hannah. A son John, Jr. stayed with the Indians and was unwilling to return, m. an Indian woman. The son Isaac m. Rachel. A third son was Abraham. The father, John Sr. m. 2nd Jemima Dunn Bukey, whose child was Sarah Patterson.

G. A. Minnich–son of the American Revolution–Empire State Society, on record of Major John Van Metre, son of Abraham Van Metre and Ruth Hedges. Captain of Militia Rangers and in Continental line from Westmoreland Co., Pa. Third Battallion.

Mary R. Garden–D. A. R. on record of Major John Van Metre, Nat'l No. 123316.

DESCENDANTS OF ABRAHAM VAN METRE

1) Mary R. Garden, (Mrs. John B. Garden) dau. of Andrew J. Sweeney and Maria Hanna, dau. of Thomas Hanna and Jemima Patterson, dau. of Robert Patterson and Sarah Van Metre, dau. of Jemima Dunn Bukey and John Van Metre, son of Abraham Van Metre and Ruth Hedges. 2) Amelia Creighton McKown, dau. of James Warner McKown and Anna Maria Campbell, dau. of Hugh Lyle Campbell and Mary Eliza Van Metre, dau. of Maria Van Metre and Abraham E. Van Metre, son of Mary Evans and Isaac Van Metre, son of Isabella Evans and Jacob Van Metre, son of Abraham Van Metre and Ruth Hedges. 3) George Arthur Minnich, son of E. G. Minnich and Lydia J. McGeorge, dau. of Robert McGeorge and Matilda Van Metre, dau. of Rebecca Lucas and Abraham Van Metre, son of Rachel and Isaac Van Metre, son of (John's first wife killed by Indians) and John Van Metre, son of Abraham Van Metre and Ruth Hedges. 4) Ethel Downs Sites (Mrs. Edgar M. Sites, Martinsburg, W. Va.) D.A.R. National Number is 193864 on record of Abraham Van Metre. Her grandfather was Tillotson Fryatt Evans, son of John Evans III. or (Jack) and Mary Van Metre, dau. of Isabella Evans and Jacob Van Metre, son of Abraham Van Metre and Ruth Hedges.

The following "letter is extremely valuable as it gives the names of all the militia captains in old Berkeley, who were Captains, Campbell, Anderson, Ambrose, Davis, Hance Van Metre, Cloak,"—"Shepherds Town, Feb. 29, 1780. Sir, I beg to furnish you with a Return of the Men drafted in this County—Obliging companies to furnish one Twenty-Fifth man. First Battalion of Berkeley Militia-Captain Campbell's company–George Bowers. Captain Anderson's company—James Cowing"–"Second Battalion of Berkeley Militia-Captain HANCE VAN METRE'S company–Michael Blue. Captain Cloak's Company-Moses McCormick"–"I am, sir, your Most Obedient and Very Humble Servant - John Morrow - Colonel Van Swearingen." (Historic Shepherdstown-by Dandridge-pp. 203, 204, 205)—(Appendix)-p. 354: List Officers and Privates Connected with

Shepherdstown or Recruited in its Neighborhood during the Revolution" under V.—VAN METRE, HANCE or JOHONNES. CAPTAIN HANCE VAN METRE commanded a company of Berkeley County Militia at the time of the Revolution". (True copy from vol. in Hist. Library, Des Moines - "Historic Shepherdstown"-F.C.V.)-see other notes on Johonnes V.,Jr. D.A.R. papers of Miss McKown.

Proof of Abraham's Rev. record which Mrs. Garden used for supplementary paper (D.A.R.)-Letter from Sec. Genealogical Bureau of Virginia to Mrs. Mary R. Garden: p, 1 (Coat of Arms) Genealogical Bureau of Virginia-Abraham Van Meter (or Van Metre). Revolutionary Soldier. Richmond, Va., 28th April, 1926. Mrs. Mary R. Garden, Wheeling W. Va. Dear Mrs. Garden: In regard to the acccompanying statement of the service of your ancestor, Abraham Van Metre (Vanmeter), you will note that he is definitely identified with the Abraham who built the stockade, known as Vanmeter's Fort, and who served under General George Rogers Clark in Captain Squire Boone's company, by S.G. Smyth and particularly by Collins, who gives his authority as from Col. Bowman's original papers; and who sets out at length the roll of the company and the Captain's note verifying it. This is reinforced by the original pay roll in the Va. Archives Dept., showing his service at another time, with the same company; which is verified by the sworn statement of the company commander and by the endorsement of General George Rogers Clark himself, upon which payment was made. This should leave no doubt of his Revolutionary service, or of its sufficiency for the purpose you desire to use it for. It was a Militia company he served in, which was paid for its service. It gives us pleasure to transmit to you these notes. Very truly yours, (signed) Charles W. Wallace, Va. Genealogical Bureau: Secretary. A TRUE COPY—(page 2)—Sources of information; Collins' History of Kentucky, S. G. Smyth's Origin of an American Family, Illinois Papers in Va. State Library Archives Dept. ABRAHAM VAN METRE [or VANMETER]. This was the eldest son of John and Margaret Van Metre, born in New Jersey

1721, d. in Berkeley County, Virginia, [now West Virginia], in 1783; m. 1. Ruth Hedges, dau. of Joseph & Catherine Hedges; 2., Mrs. Martha Wheeler. Issue [of these marriages]: Jacob, Isaac, Abraham, Jr., Joseph, Rebecca, Mary, Ruth, Hannah, Daniel, John. [Smyth's Origin etc., p. 38.] He built a stockade on Short Creek near its juncture with the Ohio. This post became known as "Van Metre's Fort". It is found that he was with Squire Boone's party at "Painted Stone Station" Shelby County, Kentucky, [vide Collins' Hist. Ky. v. 1, p. 12] and with Captain James Harrod's company "at the Falls" of the Ohio in 1780. [vide Collins, v. 1 , p. 24] Collins says Squire Boone's "company", not "party"] Squire Boone was a brother of Daniel Boone]. [Smyth's Origin, etc., p. 41.] Collins quotes a note dated from "Painted Stone" 23 June 1780, to Col. Bowman from Squire Boone: "Sir: I have sent you a list of our strength. I know not if would be necessary to Right down their names. nevertheless being little trouble I have done it. Our strength is 23 men to-wit: Squire Boone, Capt. Alex. Bryant, John Buckles, Richard Cates, Charles Daleman, John Eastwood, Joseph Eastwood, Jeremiah Harris, John Hinton, Abraham Holt, Morgan Hughes, Evan Kenton, John McFadden, John Nichols, Peter Paul, John Stapleton [Sgt], Robert Tyler, ABRAHAM VAN METER, Adam Wickersham, Jacob Wickersham, Peter Wickersham, James Wright, George Yunt—23. This is endorsed: Captain Squire Boone's Company, June 23, 1780. Partial List. Stationed at the "Painted Stone", Collins gives his source of information as "original papers and vouchers of Colonel John Bowman, first commander and military governor of Kentucky, now [1781] in possession of John B. Bowman, Regent of Kentucky University at Lexington. (Collins' History of Kentucky, Covington 1878, vol. 1, pp. 10-11-12-13.) The following authority, the original pay roll, appears in the Virginia State Library, Archives Department, in the Illinois papers, referred to in Eckenrode's list of Virginia Revolutionary Soldiers, p. 449. "A Pay Roll of Capt. Squire Boone's company of Militia on Expedition under Genl. Clark against the Shawnee Inds. 1780. (page 3) "In service 31 days. Entered July 17, 1780. Dis-

charged 17 Aug. "Squire Boone, Capt., Richard Cates, Charles Daleman, Joseph Eastwood, Jeremiah Harris, John Hinton, Abraham Holt, James Kirkpatrick, John Stapleton, *Abraham VanMetre*, Adam Wickersham, Peter Wickersham, George Yunt" The following endorsements appear on this paper: "This day came before me Captn. Squier Boone and made oath that the above pay role is truly made out and the pay arising their on is justly due to the within named Militi men, given under my hand this 28d day of January 1-"(edge of paper torn) (Signed) "Marius Hansbrough" —"Captn. Boone Commanded a company on the expedition against the Indians in the year Eighty and make no doubt but the within pay roal is just. (Signed) "G. R. Clark". "Squire Boons - Pay Roll - No. 1." There is a fourth endorsement to the effect that on account of the smallness of the company, Captain Boon's pay must be that of an ensign. (From the Illinois papers, a loose collection of MS pay rolls--Militia and Regulars-in the Archives Dept., Va. State Library Ref. to in Eckenrode's Lists of Va. Rev. Soldiers, as "I, P. D. eo. " p. 449.) Both Collins in his History of Kentucky, and S. G. Smyth, in his Origin of an American Van Metre, are authorities for the identification of the Abraham Van Meter, whose service is given above, with the Abraham Van Metre, who built the stockade on Short Creek near its juncture with the Ohio; and who is described by Smyth, thus: Abraham Van Metre, b. 1721, d. 1783, son of John and Margaret Van Metre; m. 1742. (1) Ruth Hedges, (2) Mrs. Martha Wheeler (nee Roberts). Issue: Jacob, Isaac, Abraham, Joseph, Rebecca, Mary, Ruth, Hannah, Daniel, John. He is described as the eldest son of John and Margaret Van Metre of New Jersey, as above set out, and married for his first wife, Ruth, dau. of Joseph and Catherine Hedges of Prince Georges County, Maryland. State of Virginia, City of Richmond, to wit: Personally appeared before me, W. Mac Jones, a notary public in and for the state and City aforesaid. Charles M. Wallace, who, being first duly sworn, made oath that the above statements are true, given under my hand this twenty-eighth day of April, 1926. (Signed) W. Mac Jones Notary Public My commission expires

Aug. 9, 1927—seal W. Mac Jones Notary Public Richmond, Va. —A TRUE COPY (F. C. V.)

"Jacob Van Metre served with his father Abraham Van Metre"——"he is listed as a Patriot and the reference for his service is Journal of House of Delegates, 1776-1835, page 35" —"a private, not an ensign"——(Letters from N. S. D. A. R., Washington, and from Mrs. E. M. Sites.) (see the war record of Abraham V.)

Winterstein. The Johnson Co. land was granted to "Nicholaz Wintersteen" for serving in the War of 1812. Fought in Battle of Lundy's Lane, Private in Capt. Cartwright's Co., 3rd Regt. Ohio Militia. Warrant signed Sept. 28, 1850 by Millard Fillmore, Pres. U. S. This bounty land of eighty acres was the "So. W. ¼ of So. E. ¼ and the So. E. ¼ of the So. W. ¼ of Sect. 1. in Township 81 No. of Range 8 W. in Dist. of lands subject to sale at Iowa City, Ia."

Joseph Van Metre-"Eighteenth Infantry- Company "H" Van Metre, Joseph. Age 22. Res. Vinton, Iowa, nativity, Ohio. Enlisted July 7, 1862. Mustered Aug. 6, 1862. Wounded Jan. 8, 1863, Springfield, Mo. Died of wounds Jan. 14, 1863, Springfield, Mo. Buried in National Cemetery, Springfield, Mo. Section 9, Grave 12. (p. 214). Line officers. Company H. Joseph Van Metre, Captain, Jordon D. Scoles, 1st Lieutenant, John H. Looby, 2nd Lieutenant. (p. 126). Roster and Record of Iowa Soldiers in the War of the Rebellion 1861-1866 Vol. 3, 17th-31st. Regiments Infantry, Publ. by Authority of Gen'l Assembly, under direction of Brig. Gen. Guy E. Logan, Adjutant General, Des Moines. Emory H. English, State Printer E. D. Chassell, State Binder 1910. *(TRUE COPY OF A VOL. IN LIBRARY OF JESSIE HOFFMAN—TIPTON, IA.—F.C.V.).*

"Killdare" ancestral home of Haunce Van Metre is situated on State Highway one mile north of "Stone House" built by Abraham Van Metre. Farm and house are now owned by Mrs. Mary C. Copenhaver. Owner of Stone House is I.D.Van Metre, dairyman.—W.F.Evans' book of Berkeley Co., W. Va.

Jacob Van Metre is buried at Killdare (McKown).

The name of the Van Meteres who came to America from Holland is derived from, "van" (of) and "Meteren", a town in the province of Guelderland, Holland. The Coat-of-Arms of the VanMetre family in Holland follows: quartered first and fourth silver with fleur de lis red; second and third of yellow with two fesses red; accompanied with eight martlets (sort of swallow without feet, denoting cadency, a younger son) of same color arranged around outer rim of shield. Crest a fleur de lis, (royal emblem of France). Armorial bearings of Cuicks, Van Meteren were: shield had red ground with two horizontal bands, silver or white; and three martlets arranged two and one. (Illustration given in Smyth book - pp. 6, 8, 9. The "Huize Meteren" in Geldermalsen, Holland was a stately building, the residence for many generations of prominent members of the Meteren family. This mansion stood in a beautiful park of magnificent trees. It was rebuilt in 1768 and sold in 1906. It was torn soon down and the trees sold.

Copied from Van Metre Bible: BIRTHS—John E. Van Metre born May 4, 1794. Jacob Van Metre b. Mar. 15, 1796. Margaret Van Metre b. Mar. 13,, 1798. Evans Van Metre b. June 21, 1800. William E. Van Metre b. Apr. 17, 1802. Abraham E. Van Metre b. May 5, 1804. Isaac Van Metre, Jr., b. May 5, 1804. (his twin?) Van Van Metre b. Nov. 7, 1806. Isabella Van Metre b. Jan. 19, 1809, Polly Van Metre b. Mar. 7, 1811. Martha Van Metre b. Aug. 14, 1813. Joseph G. Van Metre b. May 3, 1815. Henry Clay Van Metre, son of Abraham and Maria Powelson (a mistake we believe, for this Maria was born a Van Metre, her mother was a Powelson) b. Mar. 17, 1828. Isaac Van Meter, son of Abraham and Maria Van Metre, b. Mar. 20, 1830. Mary Eliza Van Metre b. 25, Mar., 1832. John Taylor Van Metre b. Feb. 9, 1834. James William Van Metre b. Mar. 28, 1836. Isaac Van Metre b. June 26, 1766. Polly Van Metre b. Oct. 22, 1774. These married Jan. 19, 1793. Isaac Newton Van Metre b. Feb. 2, 1834. Martha Gertude Van Metre b. May 18, 1837. MARRIAGES—John E. Van Metre b. 1794, May 4. Elizabeth Van Metre b.

Dec; 25, 1795, and m. May 20, 1815. John E. Van Metre, m. Jan 24, 1822 unto Josina Van Metre. Morgan Van Metre m. Mar. 12, 1819 unto Margaret Van Metre. Abraham E. Van Metre m. Mar. 20, 1827 to Maria Van Metre. Isabella E. Van Metre m. Jan. 30, 1830 to William N. Thompson. Jacob Van Metre (tho given Sr. this must be Jr.) m. Feb. 10, 1831 to Clarissa La Rue. Van E. Van Metre m. May 29, 1832 to Mary Vance Sowers. Jacob Van Metre m. Aug. 14, 1832 to Emily E. L. Ship (Shepp) William E. Van Metre m. 3rd Oct. 1838 to Lucy S. Ship (Shepp). DEATHS—Elizabeth Van Metre-wife of John E. Van Metre d. on July 28, 1820 in 25th year of her age. Martha Chinoweth d. Feb. 28, 1820 in 30th year of age. Morgan Van Metre d. Nov. 16, 1826 in 31 st year. Martha Van Metre dau. of Isaac and Mary Van Metre d. 1814. Isaac Van Metre d. Jan. 15, 1828 in 62 year. Mary C. Van Metre d. Mar. 18, 1830 in 18 year. Isaac Van Metre, Jr., d. Feb. 12, 1831 in 27 year. John Evans Sr. d. Dec. 12, 1800. Margaret. Evans d. June 5, 1805. Isaac Van Metre Thompson d. Oct. 9, 1831 aged 8 mo. 7 da. Isabella Thompson d. Feb. 11, 1832. Jacob Van Metre d. Oct. 20, 1806. Isabella Van Metre d. June 23, 1816. "You have on these pages all that is recorded in the old Bible".—Charles H. Van Metre, written to Sallie Diehl. Charles has corrected copies of same record from this Bible for me and I have read these myself in his Bible. (F. C. V.)

"Pickaway Plains, (Ohio) Sept. 3, 1854—I will first tell you that it is *almost* certain that Henry and I, will come out there this fall. I will also tell you the manner in which we intend coming which perhaps will not meet with your views. We intend taking three horses and a two horse wagon. We think we can go much cheaper this way- can take a great many articles which will be very useful to us when we get there, which otherwise we could not take–besides we will have the horses and wagon which we consider indispensable when there. Of course it will be a long and tedious journey,—after the old fashion, still I think we can stand it–and indeed may relish it well–at least for a while–till the novelty of the thing wears off, which I trust will

"stick fast" till get pretty near there. As for starting, I can't say exactly. We want to start against the 20th of this month, if convenient which if we do, we will arrive there about the 20th of Oct. Only a long time to travel, and maybe a "hard road".—J. M. Van Metre. (*A true copy of parts of a letter from Jeptha Morgan V. to Ezra V in Cedar Rapids.*) *F. C. V.*

July 10, 1932.—Clipping: Van Metre Family Reunion at Ellis Park—

> Mr. and Mrs. Harry Witmer and dau. Helen, Dr. and Mrs. Paul Hoffman and son Paul, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Diehl and son Delbert; Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Van Metre and grandchildren Rowena and Edward Van Metre, the latter of Los Angeles, Cal., last Sunday attended a reunion of members of the Van Metre family and picnic dinner at Ellis Park, Cedar Rapids. The Van Metres are descendants of a pioneer family that settled in Linn county and later in Benton in the 50's.—An Organization was effected of which Horace Van Metre, Waterloo, was chosen president; Mrs. D. L. Diehl, Tipton, vice pres.; Miss Helen Witmer, secretary; Mrs. Charles Oxley, Cedar Rapids, treas.; Maurice Van Metre, Cleveland, O., historian.—Others who attended were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Oxley and son, Kenneth, Cedar Rapids; Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Van Metre and daughter, Betty June, Cleveland, O.; Mrs. Isaiah Van Metre, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Van Metre and son, Peter, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Corton and sons, John Edward and Richard, Waterloo. Miss Opal Templeton, Onawa, Ia. was a guest."

AUTHORITIES

1) Smyth-Samuel Gordon "Genealogy Duke-Shepherd-Van Metre Family"-New Era Printing Co., Lancaster, Pa., 1909. (Data on Immigrant Ancestor Jan Joosten Van Meteren and descendants, including Josina Van Metre and John Evans Van Metre). The reference book recommended by Edgar R. Harlan, Curator, State Hist. Library, Des Moines, Ia (letter June 3, 1925). Copy of Smyth book in State Hist. Library.

2) Garden--Papers of Mrs. John B. Garden (Mary R.) Wheeling, W. Va., descendant of Abraham Van Metre. Proof of Revolutionary service of Abraham Van Metre. Letter dated July 23, 1921 from S. C. Smyth to Mrs. Garden, containing later data than his book (he died Oct. 4, 1930 and his son Francis A. Smyth wrote me Sept. 7, 1931, that his father never was able to have a revision printed for which he had long collected material; the last copy of the 1909 edition was held at $45.00) Mrs. Garden broadcast a talk on, "The Van Metres and Fort Van Metre of Ohio County", Jan. 31, 1933-of which we have a copy. She was instrumental in having Wheeling Chapter D.A.R. erect a permanent marker, Nov. 17, 1933, where Abraham Van Metre's Fort stood.

3)McKown—Letters and D.A.R. papers from Amelia Creighton McKown Bunker Hill, W. Va., descendant of Johonnes Van Metre, Jr., also of Abraham, (Jacob) and Joanna V. Burns—three Van Metre lines. Proof of Revoutionary service of Johonnes Van Metre, Jr.—Data on family of Johonnes, Jr. and Isaac.

4)Sites—Ethel Downs (Mrs. E. M.), Martinsburg, W. Va.–letters proving Evans connection, Evans data, family of Jacob. Descendant of Abraham Van Metre, Jacob, John Evans III.

5)Minnich, George Arthur, lawyer, Carroll, Ia., owner of Smyth book, which he loaned for many months. Data on family of Abraham and straightening out the various John Van Metres. A student of Genealogy. Descendant of Abraham Van Metre.

6) Van Meter, Benjamin F.—"Genealogies and Sketches of Some Old Families"—John P. Morton & Co., 1901. (data on Immigrant Jan Gysbertsin Van Meteren, probably a brother of Jan Joosten Van Meteren, but not the ancestor of the Virginia Van Metres, according to S. G. Smyth.

7) Bibles—1, Van Metre Bible owned by Rev. Chas. H. Van Metre, Marshalltown, Ia.,—data on families of Isaac Van Metre and others. 2, the Winterstein Bible–given by Julia B. Winterstein to Sallie Diehl, by her given to Paul Winterstein Van Metre—data on family of Nicholas Winterstein. 3, John Evans New Testament and Commentary, Vol. II., given by Sallie Diehl to P. W. Van Metre. Signature and date of John Evans III. (Jack) whose wife was Jacob V's daughter.

8) Papers and letters in possession of Rena Witmer–deed to Nicholas Winterstein. Letters from family of John E. V. and Josina.

9)Evans, Willis F., Martinsburg, W. Va.—"History of Berkeley Co., W. Va."—accounts of Evans family. Copy in State Hist. Library, Des Moines

10) Dandridge–Historic Shepherdstown—data on Rev. service of Johonnes, Jr.–(Ref. given by Miss McKown)—copy in Ia. State Hist. Lib.

Notes, Corrections and Additions to "A VAN METRE FAMILY RECORD."

Pp. 4,11,12,13:--Johannes V., Sr. was the son of Sarah Bodine, John V's first wife. Margaret (Molinar, Miller) was John's second wife and the mother of Abraham V. (P. 13.)

Pp. 8,9,37:--Burlington, N. J. was not on the Raritan River.

Pp. 15,51,43:--Court house Fort or Van Metre's Fort was at West Liberty, built by Abraham V. and sold to Ohio County Court (land, not the buildings.) Ruined pillars remain lying on the ground (of court house) and a spring of water, enclosed in a little shed. This Fort should not be confused with Fort Van Metre, built about four miles below West Liberty on North side of Short Creek; this fort was owned by John, son of Abraham V. (See P. 43.) It was commanded by Maj. McColloch. The bronze marker is here near Consolidated School of Richland Dist.

P. 10:--Opequon Creek, prohounced O-peck-an.

P. 16, 17:--We now have wills of Jacob V. (son of Abraham) and Isaac (son of Jacob V.,) copied by Clerk of Court at Martinsburg, W. Va., in the vicinity of their life and death. Jacob's is dated Sept. 13, 1806 (he died Oct. 20, 1806 and wife Isabella died 1816). Isabella is named as his wife and the following were their surviving children; "Magdalem Burns, Isabella Gorrell, Mary Evans, Elizabeth Tabb, Ruth Gorrell, Anna Van Metre, Isaac Van Metre, Abraham Van Metre, Joseph Van Metre, Jacob Van Metre, Jr." Will of Isaac V. is dated Feb. 11, 1828 (probably when it was probated). He died Jan. 15, 1828. Mary is named as his wife, and the surviving children were "Joseph, Van, Isabella E., Mary (Polly), Margret, John E., Jacob, Evans, William, Abraham E., Isaac, and grandson, John."

P. 17:--Relationship between Josinah and her husband, John Evans Van Metre--his great-grandfather and her grandfather were half-brothers. (See Correction for P. 4,11,12,13.)

P. 24:--Kenneth Oxley, son of Hattie Van Metre and Charles Oxley, married Sept. 16, 1934--Opal Templeton, dau. of Wm. J. Templeton and Daisy Chapman of Onawa, Iowa. Charles Oxley died, Cedar Rapids, Sept. 21, 1935.

P. 27:--Parents of Emma Collins Van Metre, wife of Ezra Van Metre, Los Angeles, Calif. were E. G. Collins and Hattie Boswell. Emma Van Metre died Nov. 7, 1935.

P. 27,28:--(Rev.) E. Louise Van Metre sailed as a Missionary, Nov. 9, 1935 to Chiclayo, Peru, South America. She had arrived and started her work before Dec. 27, 1935.

Jessie Van Metre, dau. of John E. V. and Lena Stark, was born March 4, 1913. The son of Rena Van Metre and Harry Witmer is Wallace V. Witmer. On Jan. 9, 1936, his son, Wallace Jr. was born at Memphis, Tenn.

P. 29:--New Paragraph begins "Harold, eldest son of Edward Joseph V. and Etta Ure.

James F. Ure, father of Etta Ure Van Metre, was a native of Scotland.

P. 31:--Marie, wife of Richard Van Metre, Sr., died Fremont, Neb., Jan. 14, 1935.

Richard Van Metre, Jr., (son of Richard V., Sr. and Marie Murdoch V.) married Katherine Frances Kiesling, dau. of Frederick W. Kiesling Chicago, Aug. 9, 1935.

Ricker V., Jr., son of Ricker V. and Louise Watkins, won Phi Beta Kappa and grad. from Chicago U., Dec. 1934.

Janet, dau. of Ricker V. and Louise Watkins, married--June 21, 1935, parents of that name.

P. 35:--Jacob Van Meteren, Breda, Belgium, should be given credit for promoting the COVERDALE BIBLE, the first translation of the entire English bible. The 400th anniversary is being held this year, 1935. Clipping from Des Moines Sunday Register, Oct. 20, 1935 over the name, Ethel Ashby Keyte, R. F. D. No. I, Des Moines,--"The man who printed the Coverdale Bible--(Jacob Van Meteren of Breda)--proof in Encyclopedia Britannica, Nelson's Encyclopedia, Chalmer's Biographical Dictionary, Vol. 22", etc---.

Lynn Frederick Jervis, Jr. son of

P. 44:--William Creighton of Roanoke, Va., is a grandson of Maria, sister of Josina V. V.--he is an old man. The great-grandchildren of Maria, besides Amelia McKnown, are Anna Mary Henshaw (Inwood) and Edwin Henshaw, (Children of Mazie Eliott Campbell Henshaw, and grand children of Mary Eliza ~~Nah/Mekke~~)--Creighton Campbell is a brother of Maxie Campbell. Amelia McKnown and Edwin and Anna Mary Henshaw are

"Jacob V. apparently employed Coverdale to do the translation," P. 617, Vol. 6, 14th Edition, Encyclopedia Britannica.

"Appears possible that Jacob V. was its promoter--engaged Coverdale to do the translation for him"--P. 131, Vol 8, The Americana.

P. 37:--The song (psalm) that Catherine Blanchan du Bois sang on the funeral pyre, when the Indians were about to sacrifice her and baby, Sara, (du Bois Van Metre) was Psalm 137.

P. 38:--Henry V., Jacob V., and Abraham V. were in Greene Co., Penna., 1772.

Solomon Hedges, whose wife was Rebecca, dau. of John V. and sister of Abraham V. (Smyth P. 43) lived in Grant Co., W. Va., at head of Patterson Creek.

Henry Van Metre's home was on the South Branch in Hardy Co., W. Va.

Pp. 41,42:--Elizabeth Winterstein Travis was a sister of Kate Winterstein Altig, not her daughter.

P. 44:--Mrs. Sara Sweeney Roemer, (descendant of Abraham V.) is a sister of Mrs. Mary R. Garden and lives in her home, seven miles from Wheeling, W. Va. Walter C. Sweeney is the brother of Mary and Sara. He was promoted to Brigadier General, Dec. 1935, and is now stationed at Fort Douglas, Salt Lake City. The children of Mary Sweeney Garden and John B. Garden, Wheeling, are Allen Garden (lawyer), who has a wife and one son; and Gertrude Garden Throp (Russell) Wheeling, with three children, the baby named Ann. Mrs. Sara Roemer has a son, Andrew Roemer, Cumberland, (Penna) married, and has children. Sara's husband, Charles Roemer, died, and also her daughter, when a young woman. Mary and John Garden celebrated their Golden Wedding last year, 1935.

P. 44,48:--At Old Stone House lives I. D. Van Metre and wife. Their children are Bessie, who is married, Katherine B., who is a teacher, two young men sons, Isaac and Jim. They are descendants of Abraham V. and Ruth Hedges. They found a large stone slab in the garret of Old Stone House which they cannot explain---, S---JRM--- 1727.

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P. 48:--In the family cemetery on hill above "Killdare", homestead of Johonnes, Jr. near Martinsburg, W. Va. are found the following inscriptions of those buried there:--

1. Jacob Van Metre who departed--Oct. 22, 1806--age 62 Yr.
2. Isabella Evans Van Metre June 28, 1817 in 71 Yr. of her life--Prov. 31--Chap. 28 & 29 Vs. (Wife of Jacob.)
3. Clarissa La Rue died March 13, 1857. (Wife of Jacob, Jr.)
4. Isaac, son of Isaac, died 13 Fed. 1831 aged 26 Yr. nine months.
5. Isaac Van Metre died 15 day of Jan. 1828. (Son of Jacob & Isabella.)
6. Mary Van Meter, Dau. of Isaac. 18th March 1890. Aged 19.

In August, 1935, we visited in the homes of Miss McKnown at Bunker Hill, West Va., and Mrs. Garden, near Wheeling, W. Va., spent some time in Court House at Martinsburg and finding the homesteads, "Killdare" and "Old Stone House", and the forts near Wheeling and at West Liberty. I also had the use of a later book by S. G. Smyth, "Origin of an American Family". It was printed for private circulation and given to Mrs. Garden by Wyllis Van Metre of Marietta, Ohio. He is a descendant of Abraham Van Metre thru the latter's son, Abraham, Jr.

Frances C. Van Metre

June 1936.

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